

CONTAINING ISIS



Kurdish Peshmerga fighters stand guard during airstrikes targeting Islamic State militants near the Khazer checkpoint outside of the city of Irbil in northern Iraq, Friday, Aug. 8, 2014.

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U.S. bombs militants in Iraq as crisis worsens

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IRBIL, Iraq (AP) — The U.S. unleashed its first airstrikes in northern Iraq against militants of the Islamic State group Friday amid a worsening humanitarian crisis. The extremists took captive hundreds of women from a religious minority, according to an Iraqi official, while thousands of other civilians fled in fear. Many of America's allies backed the U.S. intervention, pledging urgent steps to assist the legions of refugees and displaced people. Those in jeopardy included thou-

sands of members of the Yazidi religious minority whose plight — trapped on a mountaintop by the militants — prompted the U.S. to airdrop crates of food and water to them. The extremists' "campaign of terror against the innocent, including the Yazidi and Christian minorities, and its grotesque and targeted acts of violence bear all the warning signs and hallmarks of genocide," said U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry. "For anyone who needed a wake-up call, this is it." Underscoring the sense of

alarm, a spokesman for Iraq's human rights ministry said hundreds of Yazidi women had been seized by the militants. Kamil Amin, citing reports from the victims' families, said some of the women were being held in schools in Iraq's second-largest city, Mosul. "We think that the terrorists by now consider them slaves and they have vicious plans for them," Amin told The Associated Press. "We think that these women are going to be used in demeaning ways by those terrorists to satisfy their animalistic urges in a way that

contradicts all the human and Islamic values." For the U.S. military, which withdrew its forces from Iraq in late 2011 after more than eight years of war, the re-engagement began when two F/A-18 jets dropped 500-pound bombs on a piece of artillery and the truck towing it. The Pentagon said the militants were using the artillery to shell Kurdish forces defending Irbil, the capital of Iraq's autonomous Kurdish region, and home to a U.S. consulate and about three dozen U.S. military trainers. Later Friday, the U.S.

launched a second round of airstrikes near Irbil, U.S. officials said. The officials, speaking on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to discuss the strikes publicly, said unmanned aircraft hit a mortar and four Navy F/A-18 fighter jets destroyed a seven-vehicle convoy. The U.S. State Department warned U.S. citizens against all but essential travel to Iraq and said those in the country were at high risk for kidnapping and terrorist violence.

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UN: Ebola outbreak a public health emergency

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AP Medical Writer

LONDON (AP) — The World Health Organization urged nations worldwide to donate money and resources to stop the spread of Ebola as it declared the outbreak in West Africa to be an international public health emergency. The latest Ebola outbreak is the largest and longest ever recorded for the disease, which has a death rate of about 50 percent and has so far killed at least 961 people, according to the U.N. health agency. It emerged in Guinea in March and has since spread to Sierra Leone, Liberia and Nigeria.

"Countries affected to date simply do not have the capacity to manage an outbreak of this size and complexity on their own," WHO chief Dr. Margaret Chan told a news conference Friday in Geneva. "I urge the international community to provide this support on the most urgent basis possible."

She added that the world's "collective health security" depends on curbing the spread of the killer virus in West Africa, even as she acknowledged that many countries would probably not have any Ebola cases.

The Nigerian government declared containing the Ebola virus in Africa's most populous country a national emergency Friday, after two Ebola patients died and the health ministry said seven other cases were confirmed. President Goodluck Jonathan approved spending \$11.7 million to fight the disease and urged schools to extend a current holiday to give experts more time to assess the Ebola threat.

Since Ebola was first identified in 1976, there have been more than 20 outbreaks in central and eastern Africa; this is the first to affect West Africa. The virus causes symptoms including fever, vomiting, muscle pain and bleeding. It is spread by direct contact with bodily fluids like blood, sweat, urine, saliva and diarrhea.

The U.N. agency convened an expert committee this week to assess the severity of the Ebola epidemic. WHO declared similar emergencies for the swine flu pandemic in 2009 and for polio in May.

The impact of WHO's declaration Friday is unclear; its similar declaration about polio doesn't yet seem to have slowed the spread of the paralytic virus.

"Statements won't save lives," said Dr. Bart Janssens, director of operations for the Doctors Without Borders charity group. "For weeks,

(we) have been repeating that a massive medical, epidemiological and public health response is desperately needed. ... Lives are being lost because the response is too slow."

"I don't know what the advantage is of declaring an international emergency," added Dr. David Heymann, who directed WHO's response to the SARS outbreak and is now a professor at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. "This could bring in more foreign aid but we don't

with Ebola, Dr. Kent Brantly, said in a statement Friday he's getting stronger every day.

"I held the hands of countless individuals as this terrible disease took their lives away from them. I witnessed the horror firsthand, and I can still remember every face and name," he added.

He and another aid worker, Nancy Writebol, are being treated in an isolation unit at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta.

Writebol's husband, David, who remains in Liberia, told reporters

travel internationally. For countries with Ebola, WHO issued various recommendations, including exit screening at international airports and border crossings to spot potential cases. It also discouraged mass gatherings.

WHO said countries without Ebola should heighten their surveillance and treat any suspected cases as a health emergency.

This week, two of the worst-hit Ebola countries — Liberia and Sierra Leone — brought in troops to enforce quarantines and stop peo-



Director General of the World Health Organization, WHO, China's Margaret Chan and Assistant Director General for Health Security Keiji Fukuda of the US, right, brief the media after an emergency meeting on Ebola during a press conference at the headquarters of the WHO in Geneva, Switzerland, Friday, Aug. 8, 2014.
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know that yet."

Earlier this week, the World Bank pledged up to \$200 million in emergency funding to help the countries affected by Ebola and strengthen public health systems across West Africa.

On Friday, the European Union said it would chip in an additional 8 million euros (\$10.7 million) to Ebola efforts and send a second mobile lab to help with diagnostics. USAID also announced it would invest an extra \$12.45 million to support the fight against Ebola.

In the United States, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has already warned Americans against traveling to West Africa due to the Ebola outbreak. The agency also put U.S. hospitals on alert for symptoms so they can spot potential cases.

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Friday that his wife also appears to be improving.

Next week, WHO will hold another meeting to discuss whether it's ethical to use experimental Ebola treatments in the current outbreak. There is no licensed drug or treatment for Ebola and no evidence in people that the experimental treatments work.


Other experts hoped the WHO declaration would mean that more health workers are sent to West Africa.

"The situation is very critical and different from what we've seen before," said Dr. Heinz Feldmann, chief of virology at the U.S. National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease. "There are so many locations with transmission popping up and we just need more people on the ground."

WHO did not recommend any travel or trade bans Friday but said people who had close contact with Ebola patients should not

ple infected with the disease from traveling. Liberian authorities said no one with a fever would be allowed in or out of the country and warned some civil liberties could be suspended if needed to bring the killer virus under control.

The disease spread from Liberia to Nigeria when a man apparently sick with Ebola boarded a plane, according to the Nigerian government. Nigerian authorities say the man, who later died, was not placed into isolation for at least 24 hours after he was hospitalized. A nurse who treated him has since died from Ebola and authorities are monitoring seven other cases among people who had contact with him. Chan said while extraordinary measures might be necessary to contain the Ebola outbreak, it was important to recognize civil rights. "We need to respect the dignity of people and inform them why these measures are being taken," she said. □



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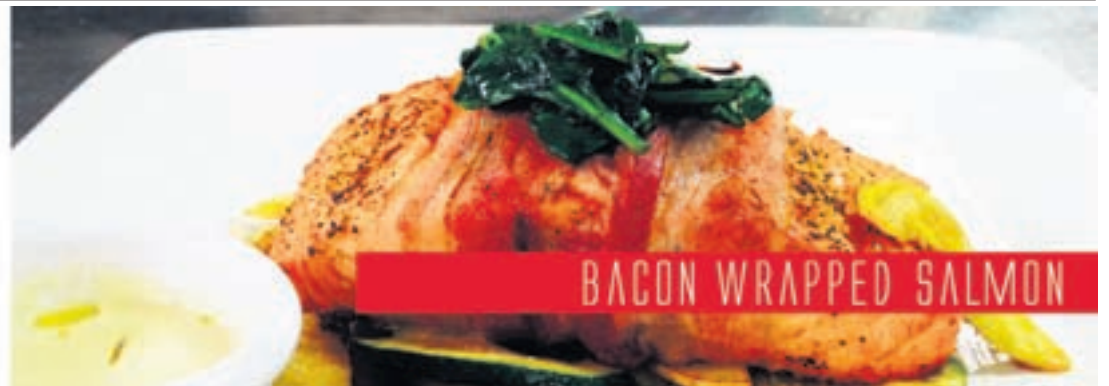
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Expanding from their stronghold of Mosul, the militants have captured a string of towns and Iraq's largest hydroelectric dam and reservoir in recent weeks. Ethnic and religious minorities, fearing persecution and slaughter, have fled as their towns fell.

Many had taken refuge in the Khazer Camp, set up near Irbil, but it was empty Friday as nearby fighting prompted families to flee once again.

Some made their way by car or on foot to Irbil; others were unaccounted for amid the sea of fleeing people. According to the U.N., more than 500,000 people have been displaced by the violence in Iraq since June, bringing the total this year to well over 1 million.

In Irbil, hundreds of uprooted men crowded the streets of a Christian-dominated neighborhood, expressing relief at the news of U.S. airstrikes.

Nazar, one man lingering outside a bare-bones building-turned-shelter, fled his mainly Christian town of Hamdaniya on Wednesday, when their home began to shudder from the blast of nearby mortar fire. "We want a solution," said Nazar, who spoke on condition he be identified only by his first name, fearing his family's safety. "We don't to flee our homes and jobs like this. What is our future?"

In contrast to Washington's decision to invade Iraq more than a decade ago, both the airdrop and the authorization of military action against the Islamic State group were widely welcomed by Iraqi and Kurdish officials fearful of

the militants' advance.

"We thank Barack Obama," said Khalid Jamal Alber, from the Religious Affairs Ministry in the Kurdish government.

In his announcement Thursday night, Obama had identified protecting the Yazidis and defending Americans as the two objectives for the airstrikes.

But on Friday, his spokesman, Josh Earnest, said the U.S. was also prepared to use military force to assist Iraqi forces and the Kurds' peshmerga militia.

While Iraq's military has proven unable in many cases to thwart the Islamic State force's capture of key cities, Earnest called the peshmerga a "capable fighting force" that had shown an ability to regroup effectively. At a checkpoint about 23 miles (38 kilometers) from Irbil, Kurdish militiamen vowed fierce resistance to any further Islamic State advances, but they also remarked on the ferocity of their foe. Capt. Ziyran Mahmoud, 28, said Islamic State fighters wore suicide belts as they advanced in armored vehicles and would detonate them — killing soldiers from both sides — if Kurdish fighters came too close.

"They are ready to blow themselves up and die," Mahmoud said. "But the peshmerga aren't afraid. We are also ready to die for our homeland."

The Islamic State group captured Mosul in June, and then launched a blitz toward the south, sweeping over Sunni-majority towns almost to the capital, Baghdad. It already holds large parts of western Iraq, as well as swaths of neighboring Syria.

Iraqi government forces crumbled in the face of the assault but have since been able to prevent the militants from advancing



In this Thursday, Aug. 7, 2014, file photo, President Barack Obama speaks about the situation in Iraq in the State Dining Room at the White House in Washington. Obama, after years of resisting the pull of more Mideast conflicts, has sent the military back into action in Iraq, where he once accused his predecessor of waging a "dumb war."

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ing into Shiite-majority areas. In the north, the Kurds have been the main line of defense against the radicals, but their fighters are stretched over a long front trying to fend them off.

U.S. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel, traveling in India, said if Islamic militants threaten U.S. interests in Iraq or the thousands of refugees in the mountains, the U.S. military has enough intelligence to clearly single out the attackers and launch effective airstrikes. He also said more than 60 of the 72 bundles of food and water airdropped onto the mountain reached the people stranded there.

The International Rescue Committee said it was providing emergency medical care for up to 4,000 dehydrated Yazidis, mostly women and children, who survived without food or water for up to six days hiding in the Sinjar mountains before fleeing to a refugee camp in Syria, where a civil war is raging.

Officials in Britain, Germany and elsewhere pledged financial aid to support humanitarian efforts in Iraq, and several top European officials supported Obama's decision to intervene with airstrikes.

British Prime Minister David Cameron expressed special concern for the Yazidis trapped on Mount Sinjar.

"They fear slaughter if they descend back down the slopes but face starvation and dehydration if they remain on the mountain," Cameron said. The world must help them in their hour of desperate need.

One Yazidi man, who identified himself as Mikey Hassan, said he, his two brothers and their families fled into the Sinjar mountains and then escaped to the Kurdish city of Dohuk after two days by shooting their way past the militants. Hassan, in a telephone interview with the AP, said he and his family went about 17 hours with no food before getting some bread.

Details of his account could not be independently corroborated.

Yazidis belong to ancient religion seen by the Islamic State group as heretical. The group also sees Shiite Muslims as apostates, and has demanded Christians either convert to Islam or pay a special tax.

Pope Francis also was engaged, sending an envoy to Iraq to show solidarity with Christians who have been forced from their homes. There also was a papal plea on Twitter: "Please take a moment to pray for all those who have been forced from their homes in Iraq."

In response to the fighting, Lufthansa, Turkish Airlines and other carriers canceled flights to and from Irbil. In the U.S., the FAA banned American carriers from flying over Iraq, saying hostilities there could threaten safety. British Airways also said it was temporarily suspending flights over Iraq. □



Reagan aide Jim Brady's death ruled homicide



This Jan. 6, 1981 file photo shows James Brady, selected by president-elect Ronald Reagan to become his press secretary, talking to reporters after the announcement was made in Washington. **Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The death this week of former White House press secretary James Brady, who survived a gunshot wound to the head in a 1981 assassination attempt on Presi-

dent Ronald Reagan, has been ruled a homicide by a medical examiner, police said Friday. Federal prosecutors said they are reviewing the ruling, but a law profes-

sor and an attorney for John Hinckley Jr., who was found not guilty by reason of insanity in the shooting, said bringing new charges against in Brady's death seemed unlikely.

"I think it (the medical examiner's ruling) will mean nothing," long-time Hinckley attorney Barry Levine told The Associated Press. "No prosecutors will bring such a case. The notion that this could be a successful prosecution is far-fetched. There is no legal basis to pursue this."

Brady, who never regained normal use of his limbs and was often in a wheelchair, died Monday at age 73 from a series of health issues, according to his family.

After the shooting, Brady

undertook a high-profile, personal crusade for gun control, which continues to be one of the country's most hotly debated issues. The Brady law, named after him, requires a five-day wait and background check before a handgun can be sold. President Bill Clinton signed it into law in 1993.

An autopsy revealed the cause of death to be a gunshot wound and its health consequences, and the manner of death was ruled a homicide, according to a news release Friday from District police spokeswoman Gwendolyn Crump. Nancy Bull, district administrator for the Virginia medical examiner's office, which made the ruling, declined to disclose any more results of the autopsy and referred inquiries to District police.

Besides partial paralysis from brain damage, Brady suffered short-term memory impairment, slurred speech and constant pain. His family said he died Monday at age 73 from a series of health issues.

William Miller, a spokesman for the U.S. attorney's office in Washington, said the office "is reviewing the ruling on the death of Mr. Brady and has no further comment at this time." District police and the FBI are also reviewing the case.

Tung Yin, a professor of law at Lewis & Clark Law School in Portland, Oregon, said Friday that it's rare that the act that could be considered the cause of a murder occurred so long ago. "It seems a little bit unprecedented," Yin said of the Virginia medical examiner's ruling. He said such cases more likely involve a person in a coma who dies some time later.

He said bringing such a

case could cause problems for prosecutors, because Hinckley Jr. was found was found not guilty by reason of insanity.

"A jury has already concluded on the same incident that he (Hinckley Jr.) was not guilty. Nothing today changes that," Yin said, even if prosecutors say Hinckley is no longer insane. "That doesn't change what he was 33 years ago."

Hinckley Jr. attempted to assassinate Reagan outside the Washington Hilton Hotel on March 30, 1981, just two months into the new president's term. Reagan nearly died from a chest wound. Three others, including Brady, were struck by bullets from Hinckley's handgun.

In 1982, Hinckley Jr. was found not guilty by reason of insanity of all charges in a 13-count indictment, including federal counts of attempted assassination of the president of the United States, assault on a federal officer, and use of a firearm in the commission of a federal offense, as well as District of Columbia offenses of attempted murder, assault, and weapons charges. The District of Columbia offenses included charges related to the shooting of Brady.

Levine said prosecutors would have the additional challenge of proving that Brady's death this week was the result of an act 33 years ago. "How do you prove causation beyond a reasonable doubt?" he asked.

Gail Hoffman, a spokeswoman for Brady's family, said the homicide ruling "is not a surprise to any of us." She said the family would respect whatever prosecutors think is appropriate in dealing with the ruling. □

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Prosecutors appeal new trial for Kennedy cousin



Michael Skakel, right, arrives at State Superior Court in Stamford, Conn., on Wednesday, July 30, 2014, with his attorney, Stephan Seeger, left. A Connecticut judge ordered prosecutors Wednesday to preserve all evidence as Skakel awaits a new trial in his murder case.

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NEW HAVEN, Connecticut (AP) — A judge was wrong

to grant a new trial last year to Kennedy cousin Michael Skakel, prosecutors said, saying it would have been "foolish" for Skakel's trial attorney to focus more on Skakel's brother.

Prosecutors filed an appeal Friday with the state Supreme Court seeking to reverse a ruling by Judge Thomas Bishop, who ruled that Skakel's trial attorney failed to adequately represent him in 2002 when he was convicted of fatally bludgeoning Martha Moxley with a golf club in 1975, when they were both 15. Bishop said Skakel, the 53-year-old nephew of Robert F. Kennedy's widow, Ethel, likely would have been acquitted if the defense focused more on Thomas Skakel.

Thomas Skakel was an early suspect in the case, because he was the last person seen with Moxley. But prosecutors say highlighting Thomas Skakel's relationship with Moxley would have bolstered their argument that Michael Skakel killed her in a jealous rage. Michael Skakel had admitted that he was aware his brother had sexual contact with the victim the night of the murder and told one woman that is what triggered it, prosecutors wrote. "To highlight Tommy Skakel's relationship with Martha would play directly into

the state's hand," prosecutors wrote. Skakel's trial attorney, Michael Sherman, "would have been foolish to emphasize the very thing that triggered (Skakel's) rage: Tommy's amorous relationship with Martha." Skakel's current attorney, Hubert Santos, has said Thomas Skakel's encounter with Martha could have occurred as little as 10 minutes before the killing in Greenwich, though another medical examiner said the crime could have occurred later.

Sherman has defended his work. He said there was a lack of evidence to focus on Thomas Skakel and that he had a better case against another early suspect that formed a key part of his defense.

Bishop rejected that claim, saying Thomas Skakel changed his account of the night of the murder years later.

Thomas Skakel admitted he had a sexual encounter with the victim, and the defense could have argued that what could have started as a consensual encounter "may have turned terribly bad," the judge wrote, noting that the defense only needed to cast doubt that Michael Skakel killed Moxley, not convince the jury that his brother committed the crime.

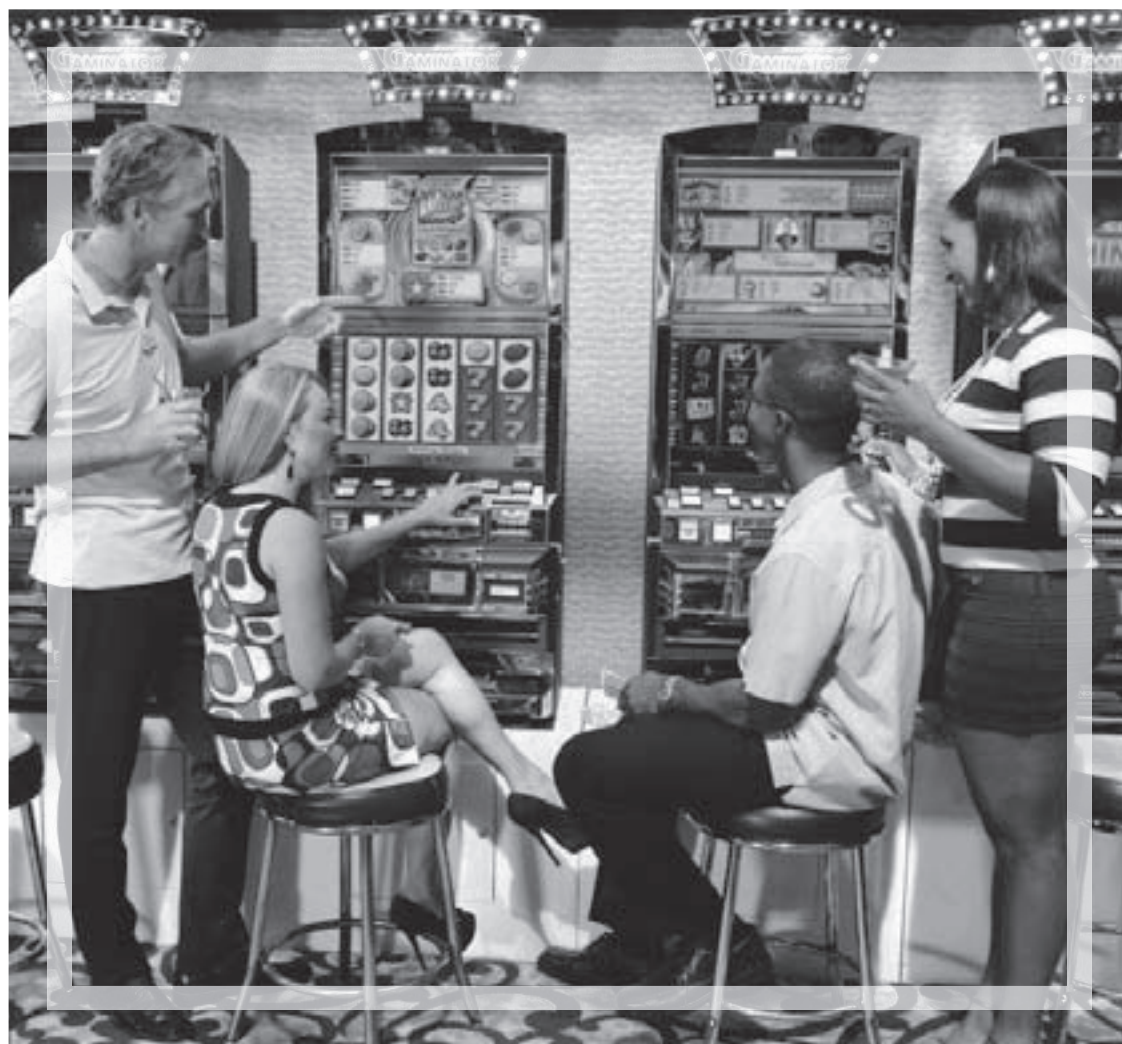
Prosecutors say there was no evidence to suggest anything happened between Thomas Skakel and the victim that would have

caused him to lose his temper.

Michael Skakel was freed from prison last year after

the ruling. He maintains his innocence while the victim's family says they remain convinced he's guilty.

Prosecutors say they'll retry Skakel if their appeal fails. It's unclear when the high court will rule. □



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HONOLULU (AP) — The first storm in a one-two punch heading for Hawaii clamored ashore overnight Friday as a weakened tropical storm, while a second system close behind it also weakened and was on track to pass north of the islands.

Iselle, the first tropical storm to hit the state in 22 years, knocked out power, caused flooding and downed trees when it crossed onto the Big Island in a rural and sparsely populated region. There have been no reports of major injuries, Gov. Neil Abercrombie said Friday.

About 21,000 homes remained without power on the Big Island, Hawaii County Civil Defense spokesman John Drummond said. At least 50 flights were canceled by several airlines.

Those staying in shelters were told to return home, while crews and some residents used chain saws to clear trees from roads.



Winds from Tropical Storm Iselle blow palm trees near a sign warning of the closure of Kualoa Regional Park in Honolulu on Friday, Aug. 8, 2014. All of the public parks on Oahu were closed.

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On Oahu's south shore, near Honolulu, the cloudy skies started to give way to patches of blue as tourists and residents ventured out to see the surf. Honolulu's lifeguard division said about a dozen surfers were riding waves Friday at a spot nicknamed "Suicides," near the popular Diamond Head crater. Lifeguards on Oahu planned only to respond to emergency calls, avoiding regular patrols.

The National Weather Ser-

vice canceled the tropical storm warning for the Big Island, Oahu and Maui on Friday afternoon, but kept it in effect for Kauai.

Meanwhile, Hurricane Julio, about 750 miles (1,200 kilometers) east of the Big Island, was a Category 2 storm and packed maximum sustained winds of about 105 mph (169 kph). National Weather Service officials predict it will continue to weaken on a path that should take it about 200 miles (322 kilometers) north of the island chain starting sometime Sunday morning.

If Julio stays on track, "the impacts to the islands would be minimal,"

Weather Service meteorologist Derek Wroe said. "We would see some large surf. ... We could see some heavy showers. That's all assuming this track holds. Otherwise, we could still see some tropical storm conditions." Hurricanes or tropical storms had directly hit Hawaii only three times since 1950. The last time was in 1992, when Hurricane Iniki killed six people and destroyed more than 1,400 homes in Kauai. Hawaii is going forward with primary elections Saturday to choose congressional and gubernatorial candidates ahead of the November nationwide elections. □



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U.S. case on encouraging suicides online continues

FARIBAULT, Minnesota (AP) — Prosecutors argued Friday that a former nurse should be convicted of assisting suicide for sending emails and other online communications in which he urged two people in Britain and Canada to kill themselves and gave them information on how to do it. William Melchert-Dinkel, 52, was back in court more than three years after he was convicted of encouraging suicides. The Minnesota Supreme Court earlier this year reversed those convictions, saying the state's law against encouraging or advising suicides was too broad. The high court, however, upheld part of the law that makes it a crime to assist someone's suicide, and attorneys for both sides returned to court to argue over whether Melchert-Dinkel's conduct qualified.

Melchert-Dinkel was originally convicted in 2011 in the deaths of Nadia Kajouji, 18, of Brampton, Ontario, in 2008 and Mark Drybrough, 32, of Coventry, England, in 2005. Evidence at that trial showed Melchert-Dinkel was obsessed with suicide and sought out depressed people online, posing as a suicidal female nurse, faking compassion and offering detailed instructions on how they could kill themselves. Police said he told them he did it for "the thrill of the chase." In a hearing Friday, Assistant Rice County Attorney Terence Swihart said the state Supreme Court had defined "assist" as providing a person with what they need to die by suicide. Defense attorney Terry Watkins said that while Melchert-Dinkel encouraged the suicides, he



William Melchert-Dinkel, right, and his attorney Terry Watkins leave court Friday, Aug. 8, 2014, in Faribault, Minn.

Associated Press

didn't have a knowing role in the commission of the acts and there is no evidence that his advice led to the suicides. □

Document: Boy accused of murder wanted to go jail

GRAND RAPIDS, Michigan (AP) — A 12-year-old boy accused of fatally stabbing a 9-year-old boy on a western Michigan playground told authorities he wanted to go to jail and did not know the victim, according to a court document filed Friday. The delinquency petition filed in Kent County Circuit Court said the 12-year-old told investigators he's "bad and always does stupid things." He added he thought he'd be killed "for doing something like this," according to The Grand Rapids Press.

The Associated Press couldn't obtain a copy of the document because the court was closed. A message was left for the boy's attorney, Charles Boekeloo, who entered a not-guilty plea for his client Tuesday, a day after the stabbing of Michael Connor Verkerke. The 9-year-old ran home and collapsed on the porch after he was repeatedly stabbed at a mobile home park, according to police, and later died at the hospital. Investigators said the older boy left the playground and called po-

lice from a nearby home to turn himself in. The 12-year-old said he didn't know how many times he stabbed Michael Verkerke. He initially said he wasn't concerned for the victim, then said he was concerned because "it made him feel stupid," an investigator wrote. The AP isn't naming the boy because of his age. He is designated as an adult in the juvenile court system, which would allow the boy, if convicted, to be sentenced as a juvenile and then as an adult once he turns 21. □



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SEATTLE (AP) — A Russian lawmaker's son accused of hacking computers at hundreds of U.S. businesses and stealing credit card information pleaded not guilty to 29 charges Friday.

U.S. District Judge John L. Weinberg ordered Roman Seleznev, of Vladivostok, Russia, held without bail until a hearing Aug. 16 to consider his custody status. His trial has been set to begin Oct. 6.

A 2011 grand jury indictment alleges Seleznev stole more than 200,000 credit card numbers and sold more than 140,000 of them, generating more than \$2 million in profits. Some of the victims are in Seattle, where the investigation was centered and an indictment was filed.

Seleznev was arrested last month at an airport in the Maldives and flown to the U.S. territory of Guam, where another federal judge sent him to Seattle to face the charges.

The Russian Foreign Ministry has accused the U.S. government of kidnapping Seleznev.

At the hearing Friday, he spoke through an interpreter, mostly answering "yes" or "no" to the judge's questions. When asked if he understood the charges against him, Seleznev said, "I understand all of it, but all of it



Valery Seleznev, a prominent Russian lawmaker and the father of Roman Seleznev who was arrested on bank fraud and other charges earlier this week in the United States, speaks to the media during a news conference in Moscow, Russia, Friday, July 11, 2014.

is untrue."

Court documents say the scheme involved hacking into computers that run point-of-sale terminals in businesses and installing malware to capture credit card numbers. Most of the companies affected between October 2009 and February 2011 were small businesses like pizza parlors.

In a statement issued after Friday's hearing, U.S. Attorney Jenny Durkan said distance is not an effective strategy for avoiding prosecution.

"Cyber-criminals should take heed: Distance will not protect you from the reach of justice. We will investigate, we will locate, and we will bring foreign hackers to stand trial," Durkan said.

The 29 charges against Seleznev comprise five counts of bank fraud,

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eight counts of intentionally causing damage to a protected computer, eight counts of obtaining information from a protected computer without authorization, one count of possession of 15 or more stolen credit card numbers with intent to defraud, two counts of trafficking in those stolen numbers, and five counts of aggravated identify theft.

The charges carry a variety of potential penalties, with some counts punishable by up to 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. Seleznev also is charged in a 2012 indictment filed in Nevada that accuses him of participating in a racketeer-influenced corrupt organization, conspiracy and possessing stolen credit card number. He is one of 55 defendants in that case. □

U.S. reviewing ivory rule after bagpipes seized

RIK STEVENS, Associated Press

CONCORD, New Hampshire (AP)

— The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will review its rules about ivory imports after two teenagers' bagpipes were seized at the Canadian border, a spokesman said Friday.

The spokesman, Neil Mendelsohn, said customs agents were following established laws designed to prevent the import and export of illegally harvested ivory when they seized pipes belonging to Campbell Webster and Eryk Bean, 17-year-olds who compete on an international level.

Ivory harvested since 1976 is banned in the U.S. "Our headquarters is examining this and looking at the policy and the regulations understanding that musicians do have a unique situation," Mendelsohn said. "And we try to be reasonable, but for right now the rules are the rules. Any instrument these days could be made from

elephant parts that might not be an antique."

The discord started Sunday when Campbell and Eryk were driving back from Canada after a competition that served as a tuneup for next weekend's World Pipe Band Championships in Glasgow, Scotland. Campbell's pipes date to 1936 and were played by his father, Gordon Webster, who was the 9th Sovereign Piper to Queen Elizabeth II of England.

Because the teens were using a "nondesignated" border crossing, they needed extra permits and inspection fees totaling \$576 to carry the pipes, with their ivory projecting mounts, across the border. They didn't have the paperwork, and the pipes were confiscated for a day.

The boys eventually got their pipes back and are in Glasgow, where their adventure has been the talk of the competition, Campbell's mother, Lezlie, said Friday. □

Judge to review Facebook posts of rape accuser

JOSH CORNFIELD
Associated Press

TRENTON, New Jersey (AP)

— A judge has ordered a teen who accused a man of rape to turn over access to her Facebook page, providing another example of social media's growing use in courtrooms and the resulting privacy concerns.

Judge Robert Billmeier

this week agreed to a request from David Stevens-Parker's defense attorney, and the judge said he will privately review two weeks of Facebook postings for any comments related to the alleged rape before deciding whether any can be used in court.

Defense attorney Andrew Ferencevych said he wants to see if there

are any hints that the sex was consensual. Stevens-Parker, 22, was charged with providing the then-16-year-old girl with alcohol before sexually assaulting her in April 2013.

Assistant Prosecutor John Carbonara said Ferencevych cited a state court ruling that allowed a defense attorney to require a victim to

submit to an eye exam, but Carbonara argued that ordering the teen to turn over Facebook access was a greater invasion of privacy. He said courts don't typically order crime victims to turn over information.

If you asked a typical teen whether having an eye examination or giving over Facebook passwords was more of an in-

vasion, "I guarantee 100 percent of them would say to look at your Facebook," Carbonara said. "That's the predominant way they communicate to their friends on a lot of issues."

Carbonara said that the teen victim in the New Jersey case told him she was willing to turn over the information to the judge. □

Dutch experts identify 23 Ukraine plane victims

TOBY STERLING

Associated Press

AMSTERDAM (AP) — Twenty-three victims aboard Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 have been identified so far, the Dutch-led forensic team working on their remains said Friday.

Those identified include 18 Dutch, two Malaysians, a Canadian, a German and a Briton, Justice Ministry spokesman Jean Fransman said. All their families have been notified.

Flight 17 was shot down July 17 over eastern Ukraine, killing all 298 aboard. Pro-Russian rebels have publicly denied downing the plane but one top rebel has told The Associated Press that the insurgents were involved.

The head of the Dutch forensic team working at a military compound in the Dutch city of Hilversum described the challenges his team is facing. Arie de Bruyn told reporters Friday that 228 coffins had been sent to the Netherlands but they "sometimes contained remains of more than one or two people."

De Bruyn said remains have been sorted into 703 groups. "As you can see right away, that's many more than the victims who were on the plane," he said.



This Aug. 1, 2014 file photo shows investigators examining a piece of the Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 plane crash near the village of Hrabove, Donetsk region, eastern Ukraine.

Around 176 bodies are more or less intact, leaving 527 sets of partial remains, he said. The dental records and fingerprints of victims have been gathered and DNA profiles are being assembled in a process

expected to take months. "Whenever there's an identification, even if it's so difficult to tell families that it's only a part of a body, we'll still tell them," he vowed. On Wednesday the Nether-

lands' prime minister called off further attempts to recover remains from the crash area, citing danger to the recovery workers from nearby fighting between the rebels and Ukrainian forces. □

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New Ukrainian rebel leader gives Moscow distance

YURAS KARMANAU

Associated Press

DONETSK, Ukraine (AP) —

A Ukrainian has replaced a Russian at the helm of the insurgency in eastern Ukraine and declared that he wants “only moral support” from Moscow, as the Kremlin apparently tries to rebut Western claims that it is calling the shots among the rebels.

Many in the rebel ranks decry what they call Russia’s betrayal of their cause, but most vow to keep on fighting even as Ukrainian government troops close in on the main rebel stronghold, the eastern city of Donetsk. In an ominous sign that the fighting may escalate further, the new leader of the insurgency has boasted of hundreds of new recruits and says a lot of rocket launchers and tanks have been seized from a Ukrainian unit.

Alexander Zakharchenko, a native of mostly Russian-speaking eastern Ukraine, took over late Thursday as prime minister of the self-proclaimed Donetsk People’s Republic, which has declared independence from the central government in Kiev.

He succeeded Alexander Borodai, a Moscow political consultant who reportedly played a role in Russia’s annexation of Crimea in March before moving into eastern Ukraine. Borodai has worked for a nationalist tycoon with alleged connections to the Kremlin.

Ukraine’s eastern regions have strong ties to Russia, and much of its population was alarmed when a new pro-Western government came to power in Kiev with support from Ukrainian nationalists.

The change of government was the result of months of street protests that ousted the pro-Moscow president in February. In another sign that the rebellion may be losing steam, several other rebel leaders with links to Russia have quietly left the region in the past few weeks.

The Russian commanders “are fleeing like rats,” said



Outgoing Prime Minister Alexander Borodai, left, shakes hands with Alexander Zakharchenko, who has been put forward as the new Prime Minister of the self-declared “Donetsk People’s Republic”, after a press conference in Donetsk, eastern Ukraine, Thursday Aug. 7, 2014.

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Andrei, a 27-year-old rebel in Donetsk. Like other locals who have joined the separatist cause, he gave only his first name out of fear of retribution either from the rebel leadership for speaking freely or from the Ukrainian authorities for taking up arms.

“We had hoped for help from Moscow, we had expected Russian troops, but Russia betrayed us,” Andrei said.

“Many fighters are beginning to think about their future and also are escaping to Russia.”

Oleg, a 34-year-old member of a different rebel battalion, said his unit is running out of food, clothes and medicine.

“But we are ready to fight to the end and to die,” he said. “Russia left us here to die and we are ready. They simply used us and abandoned us.”

The new leader of the insurgency vowed to continue the fight but refrained from urging Moscow to send troops, a call issued by many rebel leaders in the past.

“Only moral support,” Zakharchenko said Friday when asked what assis-

tance the rebels expect from Vladimir Putin’s government.

The Russian president has faced a storm of criticism from nationalist quarters at home for not sending the Russian army into Ukraine. Another Moscow resident high up in the rebel hierarchy, Igor Girkin, a former Russian special services officer better known by his assumed name of Strelkov, has become an iconic figure in Russian nationalist circles. Some speak of him as a possible future leader of Russia, a depiction certain to irk Putin.

Ukraine and the West have accused Moscow of beefing up its military on the border, dispatching what NATO estimates is 20,000 troops to the border of Ukraine. The deployment has fueled fears of a Russian invasion under the guise of restoring stability to eastern Ukraine.

The Russian Defense Ministry announced late Friday that it has wrapped up military exercises in southern Russia that the U.S. had decried as a provocative step. The exercises involving fighter jets and bombers were held this week

in the Astrakhan region, about 1,000 kilometers (600 miles) from Donetsk.

Speaking Friday at a U.N. Security Council meeting, U.S. Ambassador Samantha Power warned Russia that any further intervention in Ukraine, including under the pretense of delivering humanitarian aid, “would be completely unacceptable and deeply alarming, and it would be viewed as an invasion of Ukraine.”

The Russian government has denied Western accusations of backing the Ukrainian mutiny with weapons and soldiers. It also has dismissed Western suspicions that it gave the rebels the surface-to-air missiles used to shoot down a Malaysia Airlines passenger jet over rebel-held territory on July 17, killing all 298 people on board. The rebels have publicly denied shooting down the plane, but one rebel leader told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity that the rebels were involved in the downing. Ukrainian troops routed the insurgents from smaller towns in the region earlier this month and have now

encircled Donetsk, where fighting has crept closer to the city center. An estimated 300,000 of the city’s 1 million residents have fled. The Donetsk city council said four apartment buildings in the city were damaged by artillery barrages overnight, killing at least three civilians and wounding 10 others. Shocked residents gathered at the site in the morning, with some leaving flowers on the pavement to commemorate the victims.

“Nina, my godmother, was blown into pieces right in front of the apartment. They only were able to identify her by her dressing gown,” 55-year-old Yevgeny Isayev said as he pointed to a crater next to the building’s entrance.

Another resident, Marina Barsuk, 53, said the shelling came a few days after rebels had positioned a Grad multiple-rocket launcher near the apartment building and fired at Ukrainian positions. She and other residents believed the latest shelling came from Ukrainian government troops.

The government has adamantly denied, however, that its forces are shelling populated areas.

“We are not shooting on Donetsk, we are liberating it,” Andriy Lysenko, a spokesman for Ukraine’s National Security and Defense Council, said Friday. “The residential areas are being shot at by the terrorists from their positions.”

Zakharchenko said the shelling has swelled the rebel ranks, with more than 700 men showing up to volunteer in recent days. He also said his forces have seized 18 Grad systems from Ukrainian troops.

His statements could not be independently confirmed. The Ukrainian and Russian armies both use the Soviet-made Grad launchers and now the rebels do too. The Grads fire unguided rockets up to 20 kilometers (12 miles) and their accuracy is very poor, making collateral damage from the shelling of populated areas almost inevitable. □

Grandson lost during Argentina 'dirty war' emerges

BEN FOX

Associated Press

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina

(AP) — A provincial music teacher in Argentina emerged in public Friday for the first time since being abruptly thrust into the limelight as a symbol of his country's reckoning with the brutal dictatorship of the 1970s and 1980s.

Ignacio Hurban introduced himself to the public as the long-sought grandson of Estela de Carlotto, a human rights activist who has spent the past 36 years searching for him and other children taken from their parents during the country's "dirty war."

Hurban said he began to doubt his origins about two months ago, in part because of his life as a pianist, composer and teacher at a music school.

"I always wondered why someone would be involved in the arts when they had grown up in an environment that had nothing to do with it," he said. "I'm a musician and I wondered where that passion came from."

He decided to have his DNA tested and compared to samples in a database of families of leftists and other suspected government opponents who were killed or disappeared during the 1976-83 dictatorship.

The results linked him to de Carlotto, whose daughter, Laura, a university activist, was executed in a

clandestine military jail in August 1978, two months after she had given birth. Hurban, a 36-year-old from the small city of Olavarría, urged others who may wonder about their heritage to come forward and help the organization founded by de Carlotto, Grandmothers of the Plaza de Mayo, to resolve the fate of about 400 more children whose whereabouts remain unknown.

"Whoever has doubts needs to come to take the test," he told a packed news conference in Buenos Aires.

The 36-year-old Hurban calmly fielded questions as he sat beside his newly found grandmother, but he brushed aside attempts to find out about his apparently illegal adoption and he praised the couple who raised him in the Argentine countryside.

He was brought up "by an extraordinary couple with the greatest of love," Hurban told reporters.

His sudden transformation into a national figure began Tuesday when de Carlotto announced that a DNA test had confirmed the identity of her daughter's son.

De Carlotto's search made her a symbol of the campaign for justice for victims of the "dirty war," a period when security forces tortured and killed thousands of people in a campaign against guerrillas and opponents.



Ignacio Hurban, left, speaks next to his grandmother Estela de Carlotto, president of Grandmothers of Plaza de Mayo, right, during a news conference in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Friday, Aug. 8, 2014. Associated Press

During the dictatorship, children of the government's opponents were taken away and given to families sympathetic to the regime. With Hurban, the Grandmothers of the Plaza de Mayo have located 114 of those children.

A judge has said she would call Hurban to testify next week about what he knows of his origins for a possible criminal case, but on Friday she decided to postpone the questioning until later.

Many in Argentina knew the long-lost grandson as "Guido," the name Laura had intended to give the boy.

Asked how he would like to be addressed, Hurban said he would stick with "Ignacio," the name he has used all his life and will continue to use in his career as a musician and teacher.

"I'm used to my name,

Ignacio, and I will keep using it but I understand there is a family that for a long time has called me 'Guido,' and for them I am 'Guido,'" he said. "I am comfortable with the truth that has come to me and I am happy."

Guyana opposition files no-confidence motion

GEORGETOWN, Guyana

(AP) — Guyana's main opposition parties have filed a no-confidence motion against the administration of President Donald Ramotar, hoping to force an early election.

Opposition legislators on Thursday accused the leadership of the South American country of rampant corruption, mismanagement and lack of

transparency.

The opposition parties have a single-seat majority in Parliament and are expected to vote on the measure when legislators reconvene in early October after a two-month break. General elections are scheduled for 2016, but if the no-confidence motion passes, an early election would have to be held within 90 days.



In this July 17, 2014 file photo, Guyana's President Donald Ramotar arrives for an official group photo during the China and CELAC Summit at the Itamaraty Palace, in Brasilia, Brazil. Associated Press

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Israel-Hamas truce collapses in new violence

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JERUSALEM (AP) — A three-day-old truce collapsed Friday in a new round of violence after Gaza militants resumed rocket attacks on Israel, drawing a wave of retaliatory airstrikes that killed at least five Palestinians, including three children.

The eruption of fighting shattered a brief calm in the monthlong war and dealt a blow to Egyptian-led efforts to secure a long-term cease-fire between the bitter enemies.

A delegation of Palestinian negotiators remained in Cairo in hopes of salvaging the talks. But participants said the negotiations were not going well, and Israel said it would not negotiate under fire. The Palestinian delegation met again late Friday with Egyptian mediators.

Azzam al-Ahmad, head of the Palestinian delegation, said the delegation would stay in Egypt until it reaches an agreement that "ensures" the rights of the Palestinian people. "We told Egyptians we are staying," he told reporters.

The indirect talks are meant to bring an end to the deadliest round of fighting between Israel and Hamas since the Islamic militant group seized control of Gaza in 2007. In four weeks

of violence, more than 1,900 Gazans have been killed, roughly three-quarters of them civilians, according to Palestinian and U.N. officials. Sixty-seven people were killed on the Israeli side, including three civilians.

The Palestinians are seek-

ing an end to an Israel-Egyptian blockade imposed on Gaza after the Hamas takeover. The blockade, which Israel says is needed to prevent arms smuggling, has re-



Smoke, dust and debris rise over Gaza City after an Israeli strike, Friday, Aug. 8, 2014, as Israel and Gaza militants resumed cross-border attacks after a three-day truce expired and Egyptian-brokered talks on a new border deal for blockaded Gaza hit a deadlock.

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stricted movement in and out of the territory of 1.8 million people and brought Gaza's economy to a standstill. Israel says any long-term agreement must include guarantees that Hamas, an armed group sworn to Israel's destruction, will give up its weapons.

the blockade.

For instance, the Palestinians are seeking greater movement of goods through Israeli-controlled cargo crossings, while Israel wants restrictions on "dual-use" items that could potentially be used for military purposes, they said.

Israel also was resisting demands to allow movement between Gaza and the West Bank — Palestinian territories that are located on opposite sides of Israel, they said.

"Israel in these talks wants to repackage the same old blockade. Our demands are ending the blockade and having free access for people and goods. This is what ending the blockade means. But Israel is not accepting that," said Bassam Salhi, a Palestinian negotiator.

Negotiators said they expected to remain in Cairo for several days. But with violence resuming, it was unclear how much progress could be made.

The Israeli delegation to the Cairo talks left Egypt on Friday morning, and it was not clear if it would return. "There will not be negotiations under fire," Israeli government spokesman Mark Regev said.

In Cairo, Khaled al-Batch, a leader of Islamic Jihad, a smaller militant group in Gaza, said that without a deal on easing the block-

ade, an informal truce might be the best that could be achieved.

"When there is no cease-fire, that does not mean there is escalation," he said. "Our priority now is to focus on stopping the Israeli aggression against our people and achieving our demands."

Egypt's Foreign Ministry urged restraint by both sides and called for a new cease-fire to resume negotiations. The ministry said progress had been made in the talks but did not explain. U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon expressed "deep disappointment" at the failure to extend the cease-fire and urged the parties to swiftly find a way back to the negotiating table. U.N. deputy spokesman Farhan Haq said. The original, three-day truce expired at 8 a.m. Friday. But Gaza militants began firing rockets even before then. By late Friday, nearly 60 rockets had been fired. Two Israelis were hurt, and one of the rockets damaged a home.

Israel responded with a series of airstrikes. Palestinian officials said at least five people were killed in three separate strikes, two of them near mosques. Among the dead were three boys, a 10-year-old and two cousins, aged 12. At least five boys were wounded. □



This image made from video taken on Sunday, Aug. 3, 2014 shows Iraqis people from the Yazidi community after arriving in Irbil in northern Iraq after Islamic militants attacked the towns of Sinjar and Zumar.

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The Yazidis are a small, misunderstood and long-persecuted religious sect rooted in the town of Sinjar, in northern Iraq, and in parts

of Syria and Turkey.

No one knows the exact size of the Yazidi population. Estimates range from tens of thousands to 500,000 or more. Over

Yazidis' mix of beliefs misunderstood, maligned

centuries, they have been the target of violence and purges, including during the Ottoman empire, and have survived as a close-knit community that does not proselytize.

Much confusion surrounds their beliefs, but scholars say Yazidi teachings are a mix of several traditions, borrowing from Christianity and Islam and including some practices resembling ancient traditions in Persia. The Yazidis believe that a supreme being created

the world but does not rule it. Instead, his will is carried out by seven angels, chief among them the Peacock Angel, known as Malak Taus. Yazidis believe continual rebirth leads to purification, and therefore the sect does not believe in hell. The tomb of Sheikh Adi, in the town of Lalesh north of Mosul, Iraq, is a Yazidi shrine and pilgrimage site.

Yazidis pray to Malak Taus, who is also known as the Fallen Angel. But unlike

fallen angels in some Christian traditions, who are banished from heaven, the Peacock Angel was redeemed.

Still, the Peacock Angel is also known to Yazidis as "shaytan," which is the Arabic word Muslims use for the devil. This is the source of the belief among many Iraqi Muslims that Yazidis worship the devil, and it is among the reasons Yazidis are being targeted by the militant Islamic State group. □



CLARIFICATION REGARDING STAY OF VISITORS WITH PROPERTY IN ARUBA

Recently a press release was published regarding the maximum amount of stay in Aruba. This information was not well understood in the timeshare industry and among other visitors with property on island.

By means of this press release, the Ministry of Urban Development, Infrastructure and Integration together with the Ministry of Tourism, Transportation, Primary Sector and Culture would like to clear up this misunderstanding.

Aruba has a large percentage of loyal visitors that have property in Aruba (Time Share, Condominium, Residence, Apartment). These are valued visitors of Aruba and the Government of Aruba maintains a friendly policy for these visitors.

Visitors that do have a property in Aruba (Time Share, Condominium, Residence, Apartment) or a yacht in territorial waters of Aruba with a minimum length of 14 meters or more, or those with a Dutch nationality, are the only visitors that can be admitted for a period of a maximum of 180 consecutive days and a maximum of 180 days per calendar year.

The Minister in charge of Integration and the Minsiter in charge of Tourism have sent a letter to all airlines to clarify this government policy to avoid that visitors with a valid airline ticket with a round-trip ticket beyond 30 days, are challenged by the airline.

The visitor can indicate the amount of intended days (maximum 180 consecutive days, not to exceed a total of 180 per calendar year) on the ED card. The visitor must have the documents to prove property ownership, a valid passport, a valid round-trip ticket, proof of sufficient funds for the amount of stay on the island. If the immigration officer gives the amount of days requested, the visitor does not have to go to DIMAS to request an extension of his/her stay.

As an example, if a tourist shows to the Aruba immigration that he has 60 days of time share, he/she can receive a permission to stay 60 days. If the visitor cannot show this at immigration, he/she always has the option to request an extension from DIMAS. Again, the total stay cannot surpass 180 days in a calendar year.

For tourists that do NOT own property in Aruba, other rules apply. Tourists without property can remain a maximum of 90 consecutive days in Aruba and a maximum of 180 days per calendar year.

In general, immigration would give 30 days at the border. For an extension, the tourist can apply at DIMAS (60 additional days).

The total amount of days a tourist can stay on the island cannot surpass 180 days per calendar year.



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week on July 30th, 2014 to Mr. William H. Smith (11

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Mary Drotos have been coming to the Island for 20 consecutive years together with their children, family and friends. Their daughter and her husband Donna and Daniel Andrews celebrated today their 30th Wedding Anniversary at Costa Linda Beach Resort. The Drotos and family love Aruba and Costa Linda. □

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Palm Beach -- Frans Bauer, a native of Roosendaal, in the Netherlands, is a popular Dutch singer with a specialty, namely levenslied, what the Dutch refer to as songs about life, with straight-to-the-heart lyrics and melody.

Having grown up in a trailer park, Bauer aspired to break away by becoming a singer, from an early age. Inspired by Julio Iglesias, Elvis Presley and Koos Alberts, a fellow Dutch star, Bauer managed

to launch his career in 1987 when he recorded his first single: Ben Je Jong, translated into English as a question, Are You Young? Dutch producers Rudi Schreijenberg and Emile Hartkamp gave him a hand with the technical aspects of the production, and the rest is history!

Bauer rose to local fame, then to national fame, as he participated in All You Need Is Love, a trendy TV show, in early 1992, where he was to choose two female fans for a



date. In 1994 he landed his first national hit with the romantic starry-eyed Als Sterren Aan De Hemel Staen, and in 1997 he took Germany by storm with his album Weil Ich Dich Liebe, because I love you.

Frans Bauer's fame kept growing to the point of getting his own reality show, called De Bauers, in which his daily life, including his family life with wife Mariska van Rossenberg, is followed.

Bauer also designs a clothing line

for the Vroom & Dreesmann retail chain, based in The Netherlands.

Bauer who is seen here in the picture with Divi Resort's top management, Alex Nieuwmeyer and Gerrit Griffith won several awards and honors, including a knighthood, Ridder in de Orde van Oranje-Nassau, thanks to his charitable work and the Gouden Televizier-Ring, for the reality show he has been running on Dutch television, in previous years. □

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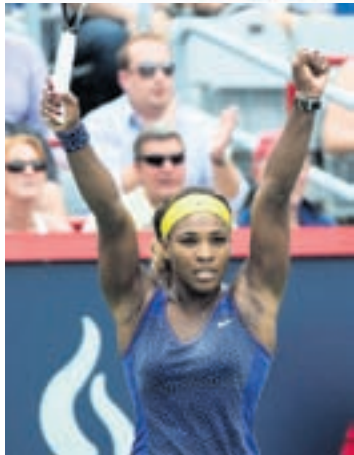


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Serena Williams celebrates her victory over Caroline Wozniacki, from Denmark, at the Rogers Cup tennis tournament Friday, Aug. 8, 2014, in Montreal. Williams defeated Wozniacki 4-6, 7-5, 7-5. Associated Press

Serena, Venus set up all-Williams Rogers semifinal

MONTREAL (AP) — Serena and Venus won Friday to set up an all-Williams semi-final in the Rogers Cup. The sisters advanced to their 25th career meeting, both rallying to win their quarterfinal matches in the hard-court event. Serena beat Caroline Wozniacki 4-6, 7-5, 7-5, and Venus topped Carla Suarez Navarro 4-6, 6-2, 6-3.

The 32-year-old Serena has won the last five matches against 34-year-old Venus to take a 14-10 edge.

"I definitely don't like playing her," Serena said. "I think I've lost to her more than anyone on the tour, so it's definitely not a fun match."

"She's tough. She has a great serve. She runs every ball down."

She has a great backhand. She hits winners off the forehand. She does everything well so it's not an ideal matchup for anyone, to be honest."

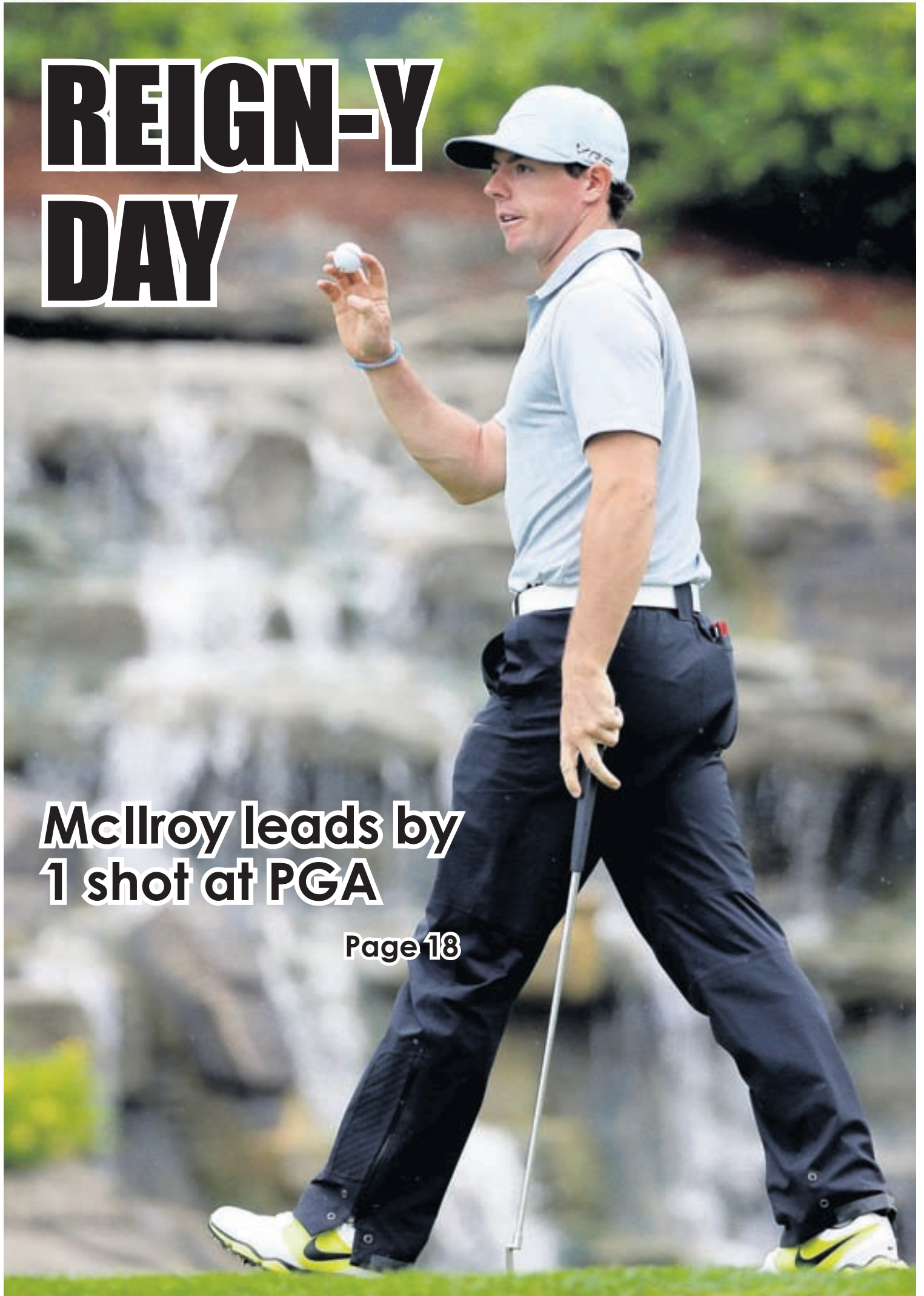
In the other quarterfinals, Agnieszka Radwanska faced Victoria Azarenka, and qualifier Coco Vandeweghe played Ekaterina Makarova.

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REIGN-Y DAY

McIlroy leads by 1 shot at PGA

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Rory McIlroy, of Northern Ireland, reacts after making a birdie on the 13th hole during the second round of the PGA Championship golf tournament at Valhalla Golf Club on Friday, Aug. 8, 2014, in Louisville, Ky. Associated Press

Rory McIlroy surges to lead with 67 at soggy PGA

PAUL NEWBERRY

AP National Writer

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — On a soggy day at Valhalla, Rory McIlroy put himself in a familiar position — at the top of the leaderboard in the PGA Championship.

For Tiger Woods, this also is becoming the norm. Another major disappointment. He's heading home for the weekend.

McIlroy, the overwhelming favorite from Northern Ireland, started on the back nine after a 50-minute rain delay Friday, made a couple of early birdies, then claimed the outright lead for the first time when he rolled in a 30-foot eagle putt at the 18th hole.

McIlroy picked up two more birdies in his final

three holes for a 4-under 67, good enough for a one-shot lead over Jason Day and Jim Furyk. Day turned in the best round of the day with a 65, and Furyk had a 68.

Rickie Fowler and Ryan Palmer were two shots back, with Fowler surging into contention again at a major by shooting 66. He is already the first player since Woods in 2005 to finish in the top five of the first three majors of the year.

And don't forget Phil Mickelson, who rolled in an 8-footer for eagle at the final hole for a 67. Lefty was just three shots back.

Woods, meanwhile, struggled to his second straight 74 and failed to make the cut at a major for only the fourth time in his



Rory McIlroy, of Northern Ireland, watches his tee shot on the 12th hole during the second round of the PGA Championship golf tournament at Valhalla Golf Club on Friday, Aug. 8, 2014, in Louisville, Ky.

Associated Press

matter at that point. Wood was all done at this PGA, still stuck on 14 major titles, the last one coming more than six years ago.

McIlroy, on the other hand, is at the top of his game. He arrived at Valhalla having won his last two tournaments. He captured the British Open at Royal Liverpool with a wire-to-wire performance, and rallied for a victory at Firestone last weekend.

Midway through the final major of the year, he is once again the guy everyone is chasing.

"I'm confident," McIlroy said. "I'm really in control of my game and my emotions. I need to do that over the weekend as well."

He dropped a shot with a bogey at the 12th, but birdied two of the next three holes. He seized the outright lead for the first time with the long putt at No. 18 and nearly made another eagle at the par-5 seventh. He stuck a shot from 243 yards to 8 feet, but the putt stayed right of the cup.

McIlroy grimaced and rolled back his head. No problem.

He closed with another birdie at the ninth, finishing off his round by curling in a 16-footer that left him at 9-under 133 overall.

McIlroy is going for his fourth major title at age 25, having already won the PGA Championship at Kiawah in 2012. He's got plenty of youth behind him — Fowler is 25, Day 26.

The old-timers didn't fare too shabby, either.

Steve Stricker — a 47-year-old, part-time player who was picked as an assistant U.S. Ryder Cup captain this week — showed he's still got plenty of game. He made four birdies on his first nine holes on the way to a 68, which left him four shots back along with Westwood. Also at 5 under were Graham DeLaet (68), Victor Dubuisson (68), Joost Luiten (69), Henrik Stenson (71). Kentucky native Kenny Perry will get to celebrate his 54th birthday on Sunday at Valhalla after shooting 69. □

professional career.

"That was tough," Woods said. "I hit a lot of shots out there. Seventy-four of 'em. It was a long day."

Palmer was tied for the lead after the opening round with Lee Westwood and Kevin Chappell. Palmer turned in the best follow-up from that group, shooting 70 to stay firmly in the mix. Westwood faded a bit with a 73 and was four shots back. Chappell struggled to a 74 and dropped six strokes off the pace.

Woods was 109th place after Thursday, his only realistic goal to make the cut.

He wasn't even close.

Woods lipped out a 3-foot birdie attempt at the third, missing a chance to gain some momentum. He followed with a bogey at No. 4, after driving into a fairway bunker, and took a double bogey at the sixth when he drove far left of the fairway and three-putted from 18 feet. Still reeling from that debacle, he yanked his tee shot at the par-5 seventh into a muddy bog, could only pitch up to the fairway, pulled the next shot behind the green, failed to reach the short grass with his chip, and made another bogey. The back nine was better — a couple of birdies, one bogey — but it didn't

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LeBron says he'll stay with Cavs beyond contract

By TOM WITHERS

AP Sports Writer

AKRON, Ohio (AP) -- LeBron James is home and he's not leaving again.

The NBA superstar said he intends to play the rest of his career with the Cleveland Cavaliers, the team he returned to last month after four seasons in Miami. When he re-signed with the Cavs to a two-year, \$41 million contract that included an option after one year, there was speculation he would one day test free agency again. The contract made Cleveland fans nervous, but they can now relax.

"I don't plan on going nowhere," James said. "I don't have the energy to do it again."

James, who returned to Northeast Ohio after winning two NBA titles, was welcomed back with a homecoming event fit for a King.

Nearly 25,000 people, some of whom waited in line for six hours and many of them wearing James jerseys, were on hand in InfoCision Stadium on the University of Akron campus, not far from where the 29-year-old bounced his first basketball.

James was back and the city that helped raise him welcomed him with open arms. The welcome-home party coincided with James' annual "I Promise" campaign for area children sponsored by his family foundation.

"It's pretty amazing," said James, who was joined at his news conference by several kids. "I'm not gonna sit up here and say it's not. To know you can inspire so many people from the youth to I heard I got a grandma's club with 200-plus members. To know you can do things for people, give them hope, give them

inspiration. It means a lot to me. I understand I'm a role model. I understand to these kids I'm more than a role model. I'm a superhero to them. I'm a father to them, whatever the case they want me to be on that particular day."

Although he was playing for the Heat, James said his heart was always back home and he realized it was time to return.

"It just hit me," he said. "Sometimes you just have a feeling. You realize what's going on and what's happening. It just hit me."

During a 15-minute interview session - his first since announcing his return to Ohio - James touched on a number of subjects, including new Cleveland coach David Blatt and the possible addition of All-Star forward Kevin Love, who is expected to join the Cavs in a trade from Minnesota



Cleveland Cavaliers' LeBron James answers questions during a news conference before the homecoming event at InfoCision Stadium, Friday, Aug. 8, 2014, in Akron, Ohio.

later this month.

James won an Olympic gold medal with Love at the London Games in 2012 and he's looking forward to playing with him again.

"I'm going to be very excited to have him," James

said. "I don't really care about the 26 (points) and 12 (rebounds). I care about the basketball IQ. His basketball IQ is very, very high. I had an opportunity to spend 32 days with him on the 2012 Olympic team. □

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Rogers

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Serena, the defending champion and world's top-ranked player, extended her Rogers Cup winning streak to 14 matches after victories at the 2011 and 2013 events in Toronto. She skipped the 2012 tournament.

Wozniacki, coming off a win at Istanbul, had won eight straight matches.

The match lasted 2 hours, 41 minutes, with Wozniacki taking control in the first set and building a 2-0 lead in the second before Serena started hitting the lines.

"I was making a lot of unforced errors in general," Serena said. "But I just thought, 'Just keep fighting. Hopefully I can just hold on and hold on, try to break, keep going for each shot.'"

"I just never wanted to stop and tried to do the best that I could."

She broke service for a 3-2 first-set lead and fought off two break points to close the set.

Serena had a prime chance to break at 2-1 in the second set, but hit a soft volley that Wozniacki was able to return. But she came back with a break to make it 4-4 and broke again to even the match.

The third set featured five service breaks, the last giving Serena the win on her third match point.

Serena is 7-1 against Wozniacki. The American won at Stanford last week in her first tournament since withdrawing from a doubles match at Wimbledon because of equilibrium problems.

She knew beating Wozniacki wouldn't be easy.

"Especially when you play someone like Car-



Venus Williams, of the United States, returns to Angelique Kerber, of Germany, at the Rogers Cup tennis tournament, Thursday, Aug. 7, 2014, in Montreal.

Associated Press

oline or other opponents, you know your match might be a little longer than normal," Serena said. "You go in there thinking: 'This is not going to be routine.' You're ready."

Wozniacki was happy with her tournament despite the loss.

"It was really small things that did it out there today," she said. "She came up with quite a few big serves

when she needed to. It could have gone both ways. I had a break in the second set. Didn't manage to hold on. But I gave it everything I had. It just wasn't quite enough." □

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Peralta first to 14 wins, Brewers edge Giants 3-1

The Associated Press

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Wily Peralta became the majors' first 14-game winner, earning his fifth straight victory for Milwaukee. Peralta (14-6) struck out a career-high nine in 6 2-3 innings. He gave up one run and seven hits while improving to 10-1 with a 4.06 ERA in his last 12 starts.

Francisco Rodriguez pitched the ninth for his 34th save.

Jake Peavy (0-3) allowed three runs and nine hits in 5 2-3 innings for San Francisco. The veteran right-hander is 0-12 in 18 outings since winning at Toronto while with Boston on April 25. Milwaukee jumped in front with two runs in the sixth.

Khris Davis doubled in Aramis Ramirez, and Mark Reynolds had a sacrifice fly.

CARDINALS 5, RED SOX 2

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Adam Wainwright pitched seven innings for his 14th win, matching Milwaukee's Wily Peralta for the major league lead, and rookie Kolten Wong homered twice for St. Louis.

Jhonny Peralta's two-run double keyed a three-run first off Brandon Workman (1-5) and Wong had his

first multihomer game. The Cardinals took two of three from their stripped-down opponents, who beat them in the World Series last fall but are in last place in the AL East.

Wainwright (14-6) allowed two runs and seven hits. Pat Neshek got three outs for his third save.

Mike Napoli and Christian Vazquez each drove in a run for Boston in the third.

NATIONALS 5, METS 3, 13 INNINGS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bryce Harper's two-run homer in the 13th inning lifted Washington to a season-high 4 1/2-game lead in the NL East.

The Nationals take that margin over the reeling second-place Braves into a three-game series that opens Friday at Atlanta. The Braves were off Thursday after an 0-8 road trip against the Dodgers, Padres and Mariners.

Harper's shot to left against Carlos Torres (5-5) was only the fourth homer of an injury-plagued season for the 2012 NL Rookie of the Year.

The teams used a total of 15 pitchers, eight by New York. Washington's Craig Stammen (2-4) gave up one hit in three innings for the win.



Milwaukee Brewers' Wily Peralta pitches to a San Francisco Giants' batter during the first inning of a baseball game Thursday, Aug. 7, 2014, in Milwaukee.

Associated Press

ROYALS 6, DIAMONDBACKS 2

PHOENIX (AP) — Jeremy Guthrie retired the final 19 batters in Kansas City's first complete game this season, and the Royals completed a three-game interleague sweep.

Guthrie (8-9) allowed seven hits, struck out four and walked none in his eighth career complete game.

Alex Gordon hit a two-run homer for the Royals, who have won four in a row and 12 of 15 to pull within 2 1/2 games of first-place Detroit in the AL Central.

Vidal Nuno (2-8) lasted just four innings for Arizona, allowing five runs and seven hits.

PIRATES 7, MARLINS 2

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Edinson Volquez pitched one-hit ball for seven innings for the Pirates, and rookie Gregory Polanco drove in four runs.

Marlins reliever Dan Jennings was hit in the head by a line drive off the bat of Jordy Mercer in the seventh. Manager Mike Redmond said Jennings had his eyes open and was responding to questions as he was taken to a hospital. Jennings momentarily stumbled before going to his knees after the play.

He stood up to get in a cart and held up a hand to acknowledge the crowd as he was driven off the field. Volquez (9-7) didn't allow a hit until the fifth, when Donovan Solano singled with one out.

Rookie Brian Flynn (0-1) was chased before he got an out in the fifth.

Giancarlo Stanton hit his 27th homer of the season, a two-run drive in the Miami ninth.

REDS 4, INDIANS 0

CINCINNATI (AP) — Homer

Bailey pitched seven innings to end his losing streak against Cleveland, and Billy Hamilton had an RBI triple and scored a run Thursday night, leading the Reds to the victory.

The Reds won three of four in the annual series, splitting two games in Cleveland and sweeping a pair at Great American Ball Park.

Bailey (9-5) had lost his last three starts against the Indians.

After pitching out of trouble in the first, he settled in and allowed four hits while fanning eight. He also singled and scored.

Hamilton had a hand in two of the four runs off left-hander T.J. House (1-3), who made his 11th career start. House gave up eight hits while pitching into the seventh and remained winless on the road, falling to 0-3 in seven games. □

Judge rules against NCAA in O'Bannon case

By TIM DAHLBERG

AP Sports Writer

A federal judge ruled Friday that the NCAA can't stop college football and basketball players from selling the rights to their names and likenesses, opening the way to athletes getting payouts once their college careers are over.

In a landmark decision, U.S. District Judge Claudia Wilken ruled in favor of former UCLA basketball star Ed O'Bannon and 19 others

in a lawsuit that challenged the NCAA's regulation of college athletics on antitrust grounds. She issued an injunction prohibiting the NCAA from enforcing its rules on money given to athletes when it comes to their names, images and likenesses.

In a partial victory for the NCAA, though, Wilken said the body that governs college athletics could set a cap on the money paid to athletes, as long as it allows at least \$5,000 per athlete

per year of competition for players at big football and basketball schools.

"The NCAA's witnesses stated that their concerns about student-athlete compensation would be minimized or negated if compensation was capped at a few thousand dollars per year," Wilken wrote.

The NCAA said in a statement it disagreed with the decision, but was still reviewing it.

But Sonny Vaccaro, the

former athletic shoe representative who recruited O'Bannon to launch the suit, said it was a huge win for college athletes yet to come.

"The kids who are going to benefit from this are kids who don't even know what we did today," Vaccaro said. "It may only be \$5,000 but it's \$5,000 more than they get now. The future generation will be the benefactor of all this."

There are now new ground rules in college sports."

The ruling comes after a five-year battle by O'Bannon and others on behalf of college athletes to receive a share of the billions of dollars generated by college athletics by huge television contracts.

O'Bannon, who was MVP of the 1995 UCLA national championship basketball team, said he signed on as lead plaintiff after seeing his image in a video game authorized by the NCAA that he was not paid for. □

AL Capsules

Ryu pitches Dodgers past Angels 7-0 to win series

The Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Hyun-Jin Ryu yielded two hits over seven dominant innings, Hanley Ramirez had a two-run single and the Los Angeles Dodgers wrapped up the Freeway Series with their third straight win, 7-0 over the Los Angeles Angels on Thursday night.

Angel Stadium was filled with its biggest crowd in 16 years, but the blue-clad fans had all the fun as the Dodgers won the Freeway Series for the first time since 2006.

Ryu (13-5) was brilliant in his fourth victory in five starts, striking out four and allowing just two runners to reach third base.

Adrian Gonzalez added a late two-run single for the NL-leading Dodgers (66-50), who thoroughly shut down their Southern California neighbors.

The Angels (67-47) managed just two runs on eight hits in the final 24 innings of the series, falling three games behind Oakland atop the overall major league standings.

C.J. Wilson (8-8) had another rough outing in his second start back from the disabled list. He yielded six hits and four walks in his fifth straight winless start, throwing just 54 of his 100 pitches for strikes.

ATHLETICS 3, TWINS 0

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Jon Lester pitched a three-hitter for his fourth career

shutout, leading Oakland to the win.

The All-Star left-hander struck out eight, walked two and only allowed two runners past first base in his 11th career complete game.

Lester (12-7) was making second start since being acquired at the trade deadline as part of the blockbuster deal that sent

2-3 innings.

YANKEES 1, TIGERS 0

NEW YORK (AP) — Shane Greene capped a series of fine starting pitching, working into the ninth inning and then watching closer David Robertson finish the Yankees' victory.

Robertson relieved after Ian Kinsler led off the ninth with a single, and he walked Victor Martinez.

Stephen Drew's RBI double was the only extra-base hit in a game dominated by Greene and fellow 25-year-old starter Rick Porcello.

Greene (3-1) gave up five hits while pitching into the ninth inning for the first time in his career. Porcello (13-6) gave up nine hits in seven innings.

ORIOLES 2, BLUE JAYS 1

East by five games over Toronto and the New York Yankees. It was the AL-best 35th road victory for Baltimore, which has won six consecutive series, extending a season-best streak.

Gonzalez (6-6) allowed four hits in six innings, including Anthony Gose's leadoff homer in the fifth. The right-hander improved to 2-1 with a 2.78 ERA in his last seven starts.

Zach Britton pitched the ninth for his 24th save in 27 chances.

Blue Jays left-hander J.A. Happ (8-6) struck out a career-high 12 in a season-best eight innings. He allowed two runs and five hits.

MARINERS 13, WHITE SOX 3
SEATTLE (AP) — Roenis Elias took a no-hitter into the fifth inning, and Dustin Ackley led a potent Seattle offense with a home run and four RBIs.

Elias (9-9) allowed only one walk before Conor Gillaspie hit a one-out double in the fifth. The rookie stranded Gillaspie, but left the game after giving up a two-run home run to Dayan Viciedo with two outs in the sixth.

Ackley gave the Mariners an early lead with a solo home run, and Endy Chavez, Robinson Cano, and Kyle Seager each hit a two-run shot.

Scott Carroll (4-7) pitched five-plus innings for Chicago, allowing seven runs and seven hits. □



Los Angeles Dodgers designated hitter Hanley Ramirez follows through on a two-run single against the Los Angeles Angels in the third inning of a baseball game Thursday, Aug. 7, 2014, in Anaheim, Calif.

Associated Press

Cuban slugger Yoenis Cespedes to Boston.

Stephen Vogt homered to help Oakland become the first team in the majors to reach 70 wins.

Minnesota's Johan Pino (1-4) allowed three runs in 5

Robertson came back to induce pinch-hitter Miguel Cabrera to bounce into a double play and got Don Kelly to line out to shortstop with a runner on third for his 31st save and New York's fifth win in six games.

TORONTO (AP) — Caleb Joseph homered for the fourth consecutive game, Miguel Gonzalez won for the first time in three starts and the Orioles won for the fourth time in five games. The Orioles lead the AL

Tsonga upsets Murray to reach Toronto semifinal

TORONTO (AP) — Jo-Wilfried Tsonga reached the Rogers Cup semifinals with a second straight upset victory.

The 13th-seeded Frenchman beat eighth-seeded Andy Murray 7-6 (5), 4-6, 6-4 on Friday.

On Thursday, Tsonga upset top-seeded Novak Djokovic of Serbia 6-2, 6-2. "I don't have a lot of confidence behind me," Tsonga said. "I try to be

consistent in my work, and I'm sure it will give me some rewards.

"This week is kind of rewards for me, you know, to play like this, to beat two guys in the top 10. It's good, and I hope it will continue."

Murray reached the quarterfinals by walkover when Richard Gasquet withdrew.

"I thought it was a high level match with a few

games by both of us in the second and third sets that were a bit scrappy," Murray said.

Tsonga will face seventh-seeded Grigor Dimitrov on Saturday. Dimitrov beat Kevin Anderson 5-7, 7-5, 7-6 (6).

In the late quarterfinals, second-seeded Roger Federer played David Ferrer, and Canada's Milos Raonic faced Feliciano Lopez. □



Jo-Wilfried Tsonga of France hits a backhand during his win over Andy Murray of Great Britain at the Rogers Cup tennis tournament, Friday, Aug. 8, 2014 in Toronto. Associated Press

Picture it: Facial recognition to find lost dogs

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Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Any worried pet owner who has spent days hanging posters, making phone calls and knocking on neighbors' doors hopes there's a more scientific way to find a lost dog. That became a reality when facial recognition technology successfully reunited a pet at San Diego County Animal Services with its owners. Joanne Cox's family in San Diego turned to FindingRover.com, a website and app that uses technology built by university researchers, to reconnect

with their dog Roxy, a Shiba Inu. The website keeps a database of photos from the three county shelters and tries to match eight distinctive facial markers on dogs with images uploaded by users searching for lost pets. Eyes and noses are important areas that differentiate pooches, including eye size and their position near the snout. FindingRover.com founder John Polimeno wants to expand the photo database to improve the odds of more happy endings, with shelters elsewhere set to sign on. He's also showing it to rescues, veterinarians and dog groups and is visiting other countries.



This undated illustration provided by FindingRover.com shows how a new smart phone application Finding Rover works. In May, San Diego County Animal Services became the first shelter system in the country to adapt the facial recognition plan. Associated Press

Google using its clout to widen use of encryption

By MICHAEL LIEDTKE
AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Google is wielding the power of its dominant Internet search engine to push more websites into protecting the people using their services. The move, announced late Wednesday, involves a change in Google's closely guarded formula for determining the rankings of its search results. Websites that automatically encrypt their services will now be boosted higher in Google Inc.'s recommendation system. For now, encryption will remain a small factor in Google's ranking formula, but the Mountain View, California-based company says it may put greater emphasis on the security measure in the future. It wants to make it tougher for government spies and computer hackers to grab the personal data of unwitting Web surfers. Users can tell if a website is encrypted if its address begins with "https." Google beefed up security of its search engine and popular Gmail service after former National Security Agency contractor Edward Snowden re-

vealed that the U.S. government has been vacuuming up personal data. The surveillance programs exploited gaping holes in unencrypted websites. When websites are encrypted, it's more difficult for interlopers to sweep up data transmitted over unsecured Wi-Fi networks in homes or widely trafficked areas such as airports or stores. Online security is a hot-button topic amid the Snowden revelations and a series of high-profile hacking attacks that filched credit card numbers, passwords and other personal information. In the most recent scare, online security firm Hold Security this week revealed that it had discovered a gang of Russian hackers have stockpiled more than 1.2 billion passwords stolen from more than 400,000 websites. Google has a vested interest in making people feel more secure online because the company makes most of its money from ads that are shown next to search results and other Web content. If people were to become leery of Web surfing because of security

concerns, it could crimp Google's profits. Even so, encryption is unlikely to become the most important factor in Google's website-ranking equation. The quality of a website's content and its relevance to a search request remain among the most influential ingredients. Websites, though, are constantly looking for every edge that they can get to ensure they rank high on Google's search results to give them a better chance of attracting traffic and making money. Google processes about two out of every three search requests in the U.S. and an even higher percentage in Europe, so its rankings can make or break websites. Encrypting websites will cost their owners extra money, but they could lose even more if they fall out of Google's favor. Even if the entire Web becomes encrypted, it still wouldn't be enough to prevent security breaches caused by inadequate protection of the website servers that store credit card numbers, Social Security numbers, passwords and other sensitive data. □

The website is unique in using facial recognition but stands among many online tools people increasingly use to find lost pets. There are alarm systems, social media alerts and apps that post rewards or call people in neighborhoods. Plus, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, the largest and oldest humane society in the U.S., has its own mobile app for recovering missing pets. It offers tips on the best ways to search and allows users to create a digital flier to share on social media. "Through research, the ASPCA has found that the best method for pet owners to find their lost pet is to get out the door, search their neighborhood, post flyers, check their local shelters and make sure that their pets have ID tags with updated information," said Dr. Emily Weiss, vice president of ASPCA shelter research and development. Facial recognition worked for the Cox family after Roxy bolted during a thunderstorm in late July. Five days after the dog disappeared, the family's 10-year-old daughter created a free Finding Rover account and the technology matched her uploaded photo to one taken at the shelter. "Within four hours of her arrival to the shelter, we were there to pick her up," Joanna Cox said in an email.

Every dog entering San Diego County's three shelters is added to the photo database. Daniel deSouza, the system's deputy director, says the program can work two ways: — Someone finds a dog, takes its picture and sends it to the database, where a match generates a notice to the owner. The owner then can call the good Samaritan and arrange a pickup. — Dogs coming in to the shelters have their photos run against the database. If there's a match, the owner gets a call. The technology powering Finding Rover was built by Steven Callahan and John Schreiner of the University of Utah's software development center. They found the eight markers on dogs are far fewer than the 128 points on the human facial recognition program. "People are sort of uniform, the shape of their faces, skin tones, all their eyes, noses and mouths are in the same general location," Callahan said. But dogs' eyes and snouts are in different places. It's difficult to measure accuracy, Callahan said, but if there are 100 dogs in a database, a top-three match would be hit 98 percent of the time. "It worked surprisingly well, better than I thought it would. I had low expectations," Callahan said. "It would take off if you had all the shelters in an area" included. □

Judge rejects \$324.5M settlement of tech wage case

MICHAEL LIEDTKE

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A federal judge rejected as too low a \$324.5 million settlement of a class-action lawsuit alleging Google and Apple conspired with several other technology companies to block their top workers from getting better job offers.

The Friday ruling by U.S. District Judge Lucy Koh concludes the more than 60,000 high-tech workers represented in the 3-year-old lawsuit deserve to be paid more money, based on the evidence indicating their earning power was undermined by the collusion among their employers.

Koh estimated that the workers should receive at least \$380 million. Attorneys representing the workers originally were seeking \$3 billion damages before settling for about 10 percent of that amount in a deal

reached in April. If \$3 billion in damages had been awarded in a trial, it could have been tripled to \$9 billion under U.S. antitrust law. The settlement would have been paid by Apple, Google Inc., Intel Corp. and Adobe Systems Inc. The suit alleged they and three other companies — Intuit Inc., Pixar Animation and Lucasfilm — secretly agreed not to recruit each other's workers during various junctures from 2005 through 2009.

Koh's ruling prolongs a case that paints a sordid picture of the late Steve Jobs and other prominent Silicon Valley executives. Apple, Google and Intel declined to comment on Koh's ruling. Adobe didn't immediately respond to requests for comment.

A \$20 million settlement of the claims against Intuit, Pixar Animation and Lucasfilm was approved in June. □

WTO upholds 'rare earth' ruling against China

BERLIN (AP) — The World Trade Organization has upheld a ruling that China violated trade rules with restrictions on the export of "rare earths," the minerals used in mobile phones, hybrid cars and other high-tech products.

In March, the WTO dispute settlement panel found that China's restrictions breach WTO rules. Its ruling followed complaints by the United States, the European Union and Japan.

In its ruling Thursday, the Geneva-based WTO's appellate panel rejected Beijing's appeal, saying it hasn't demonstrated that the export quotas that China applies to various forms of rare earths are justified. China has about one-third of global deposits of rare earths but accounts for more than 90 percent of production. In 2009, it alarmed foreign compa-

nies by limiting rare earth exports in an attempt to boost its domestic manufacturing base.

U.S. Trade Representative Michael Froman said that Thursday's decision "marks the end of the line" for the rare earths dispute.

"By upholding rules on fair access to raw materials, this decision is a win not only for the United States, but also for every nation that respects the principles of openness and fairness," Froman said.

In a statement, China's Ministry of Commerce expressed regret about the ruling and repeated its arguments that the controls were aimed at protecting the environment and conserving resources.

The ministry promised "proper follow-up work" based on the WTO ruling but gave no details of what it would do. □



In this Friday, April 20, 2012, file photo, McDonald's sign is displayed at a McDonald's restaurant in East Palo Alto, Calif. Associated Press

McDonald's sales hit by China scandal, U.S. weakness

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AP Food Industry Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — McDonald's says a global sales figure fell 2.5 percent in July, dragged down by persistent weakness in the U.S. and a food safety scare in China.

The world's biggest hamburger chain said Friday that the decline included a 3.2 percent drop in the U.S. and a 7.3 percent drop in the unit encompassing Asia, the Middle East and Africa.

The results reflect what is likely to be just the beginnings of the fallout from a Chinese food scandal late last month. A TV report at the time showed workers at a McDonald's supplier, OSI Group, repacking expired meat. McDonald's subsequently stopped using the plant in Shanghai, which left many of its restaurants unable to provide a wide range of items including Big Macs and Chicken McNuggets.

The company has since been working with other OSI plants to restore supplies to the affected restaurants. Still, sales are

likely to continue suffering given the sensitivities around food safety in China. Yum Brands, which owns KFC and Pizza Hut, says it did not rely as heavily OSI and quickly cut all ties with the company. But its sales have been battered as well.

McDonald's Corp., which has more than 35,000 locations around the world, warned earlier this week that the scandal puts its global sales forecast for 2014 "at risk." It had previously said it expects sales to be "relatively flat."

If the figure were to fall, that would mark the first annual global sales decline since 2002. Janney Capital Markets analyst Mark Kalinowski also noted the decline in July could be the worst monthly showing in the past decade.

Back in the U.S., McDonald's has failed to boost sales since October amid intensifying competition and shifting eating habits. The drop last month came despite its sponsorship of the World Cup.

Part of the problem is

that chains like Chipotle are gaining favor by touting more wholesome ingredients and the ability to customize food. McDonald's is trying to adapt on multiple fronts, including a "Build-Your-Own-Burger" test in Southern California and a new Bacon Clubhouse burger positioned as a premium offering at \$5 or \$6.

McDonald's CEO Don Thompson has also noted that the company's lower-income customers are struggling more financially, making them reluctant to eat out.

Thompson has also said McDonald's complicated its menu and slowed down service by introducing too many items too quickly. He says the company is working on getting the basics right — such as improving service.

The one bright spot in July was Europe, where sales at established locations edged up 0.5 percent.

McDonald's shares rose 17 cents to \$93.48 Friday afternoon. Over the past year, its stock is down about 5 percent. □

U.S. stocks buck turmoil weighing on global markets

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NEW YORK (AP) — A burst of buying Friday in U.S. stocks defied slumps in other markets and offered hope for investors shaken by geopolitical turmoil. Major U.S. stock indexes closed up around 1 percent, buoyed by signs that tensions in Ukraine might be easing. The rally on Wall Street contrasted with price declines in European and Asian stock markets. Fear has been creeping into stock and bond markets around the world in recent weeks against a backdrop of escalating global conflicts.

News Friday of U.S. fighter jets dropping bombs in Iraq and the end of a three-day cease-fire in Gaza weighed further on European markets. Asian markets also had a bad week, including a 5 percent drop in Japan's benchmark stock index.

U.S. stock markets bucked the trend Friday as investors snapped up shares that had been beaten down in recent days. The buy-

ing surged late in the day on reports that Russia had ended military exercises near Ukraine. The Dow Jones industrial average surged 1.1 percent, its biggest gain since March. The index remains 3.4 percent below its record high set July 16.

The fear has driven up various government bond prices, too, and sent yields down. The yield on German government notes maturing in 10 years, for instance, hit an all-time low Friday. The yield on U.S. notes of the same maturity has reached its lowest level in about a year.

Another sign of worry, the VIX, a gauge of expectation of future U.S. stock volatility, has climbed nearly 50 percent since early July. Benchmark U.S. crude oil rose 31 cents to close at \$97.65 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Brent crude, a benchmark for international oils used by many U.S. refineries, fell 42 cents to close at \$105.02 on the ICE Futures exchange in London.

The Citi report also noted, though, that there was reason to keep buying stocks, not the least of which is strong corporate earnings. An announcement from Gap on Friday underscored that trend. It reported that sales increased 3 percent in the second quarter as growth at Old Navy offset lower sales of the company's namesake brand. Its stock jumped \$2.37, or 6 percent, to \$42.57.

With nearly all second-quarter results for S&P 500 companies out, analysts are calling for earnings in that index to jump 10 percent from a year earlier. At the beginning of July, they expected a gain of less than 7 percent, according to S&P Capital IQ, a data provider.

On Friday, the Dow ended up 185.66 points, or 1.1 percent, to 16,553.93. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 22.02 points, or 1.2 percent, to 1,931.59. The Nasdaq composite rose 35.93 points, or 0.83 percent, to 4,370.90.

In economic news, the U.S.



This Monday, July 15, 2013 file photo shows the American flag and Wall St. street sign outside the New York Stock Exchange, in New York.

Associated Press.

Labor Department reported that workers were more productive in the April-June quarter and that labor costs rose slightly, a sharp turnaround from grim first-quarter figures. Productivity increased 2.5 percent at a seasonally adjusted annual rate, after plummeting 4.5 percent in the first quarter. In Europe, Germany's DAX fell 0.3 percent while the FTSE 100 index of British shares dropped 0.5 percent. Both indexes are down about 2 percent for the week, capping three weeks of losses.

France's CAC-40 was flat, but ended the week down 1.3 percent. That was its

third straight weekly loss. In corporate news, shares of Lululemon Athletica rose \$1.08, or 3 percent, to \$40.11. The company's founder and former chairman, Dennis "Chip" Wilson, has agreed to sell half his stake as part of a truce to avert a potentially battle for control of the retailer of yoga apparel and other exercise gear.

In metals trading, gold fell \$1.50 to \$1,311 an ounce and silver fell five cents to \$19.94 an ounce. Copper was flat at \$3.17 a pound. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note edged up to 2.42 percent from 2.41 percent late Thursday. □

U.S. judge threatens to find Argentina in contempt

NEW YORK (AP) — A U.S. judge threatened to hold Argentina in contempt of court Friday for continuing to make "false and misleading" statements about its financial crisis, though he quickly added he most desires a peaceful negotiated end to a long-running debt dispute.

Judge Thomas Griesa urged both sides to resume negotiations with help from the special master he assigned to resolve a fight over money owed to U.S. hedge funds. No talks have occurred since Argentina failed to pay bondholders on July 30.

Griesa issued the warning after reading published statements from the South American country that he said ignored the nation's obligations to U.S. bondholders.

The warning came as the State Department indicated Friday that the U.S. was unlikely to agree to grant jurisdiction to the International Court of Justice in the Hague to hear Argentina's claims that U.S. court rulings amount to "violations of Argentine sovereignty." Argentina had asked the world court to take up the case.

The bondholders are owed about \$1.5 billion, which must be paid before hundreds of millions of dollars in bond payments can be passed along to about 92 percent of Argentina's bondholders. They had traded their bonds for less-valued bonds in 2005 and 2010 after Argentina's 2001 default.

Attorney Jonathan Blackman, representing Argentina, told Griesa that his law



Argentine President Cristina Fernandez, left, speaks with Economy Minister Axel Kicillof, center, and Justice Secretary Julian Alvarez, right, at Casa Rosada Presidential Palace in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Thursday, July 31, 2014.

Associated Press

firm had nothing to do with Argentina's statements this week. He cautioned the judge not to overreact to statements made by political leaders in Argentina who do not consult lawyers first, saying the statements

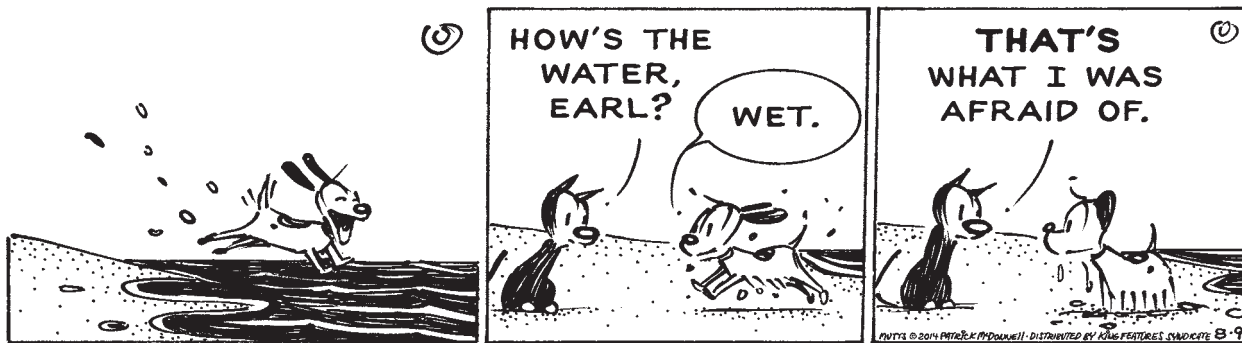
were side issues that should not detract from the "main event."

Blackman said Argentina has "made it clear it does want to engage with all its creditors" and that talks need to continue "in some

fashion." Last week, Blackman said a negotiated solution covering debt obligations to all bondholders was necessary because Argentina would owe over \$20 billion to various bondholders triggered by paying the \$1.5 billion owed to U.S. hedge funds. Those hedge funds are led by New York billionaire Paul Singer's NML Capital Ltd.

The judge also tried to put to rest Argentina's claim that it was not in default because it had made a required payment to bondholders on July 30, only to have the funds blocked by his orders. "Payment must cover what is required under the law and under the rulings of the district court and the (2nd U.S. Circuit) Court of Appeals," Griesa said. □

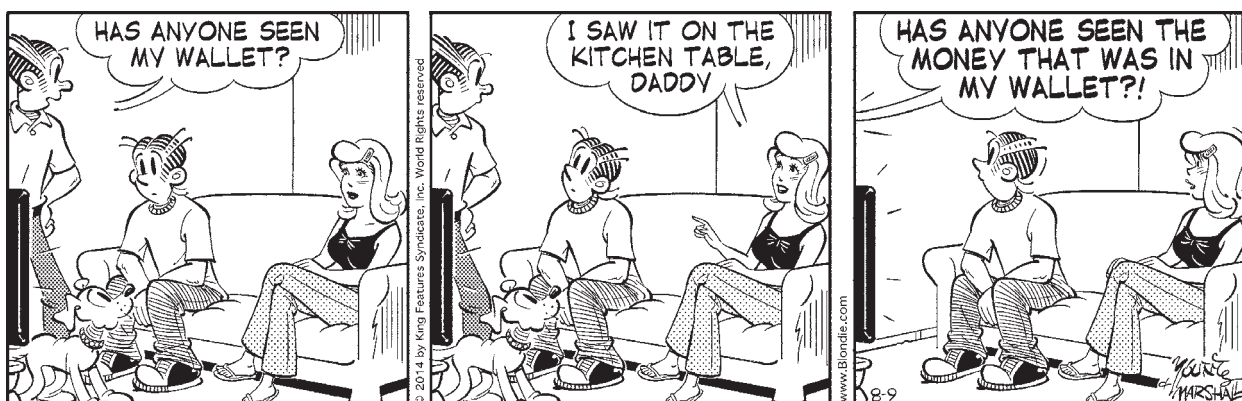
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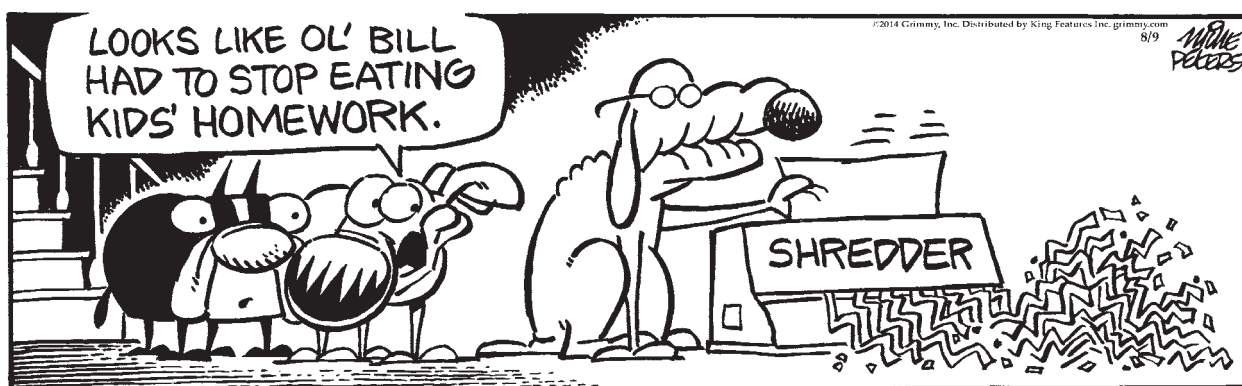
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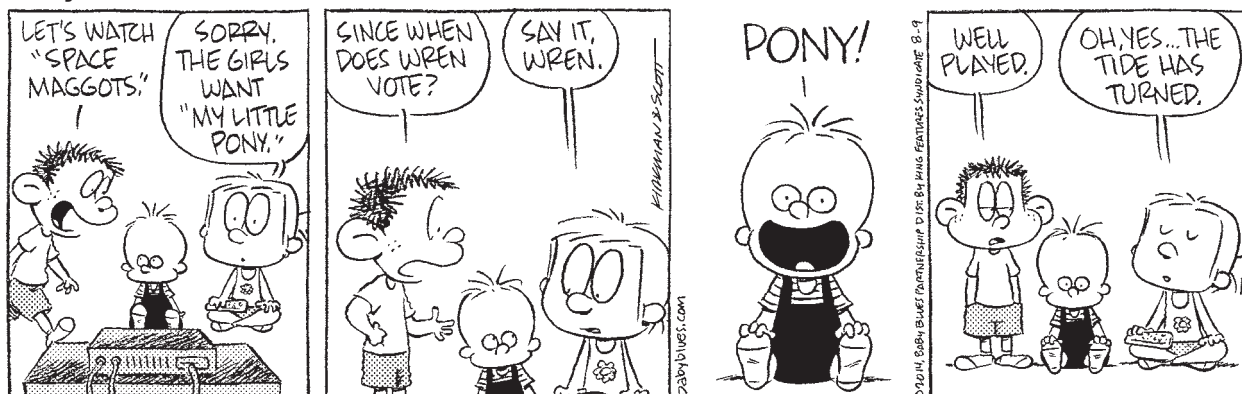
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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- Performs
- Lofty poems
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- Eve's mate
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- Gray wolf
- World's second-largest bird
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- Back of the neck
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- Unclothed
- Part of speech
- Saga
- Grass blade moisture

Guam commission approves marijuana on election ballot

HAGATNA, Guam (AP) — The Guam Election Commission has approved an effort to let voters decide this year whether to legalize medical marijuana. The certification Thursday will put the question on the November general election ballot. The Joaquin "KC" Concepcion II Compassionate Cannabis Use Act of 2013 would allow for the creation of medical marijuana dispensaries, with regulations and rules to be developed later by a government commission. The commission and Guam Legislature have been at odds over the issue over the past few months, Pacific Daily News reported. The commission had refused to place it on the ballot, challenging an untested process in which lawmakers ask voters to decide whether a bill should become law. The certification followed an opinion Tuesday by the Guam Supreme Court that says the Legislature can use its powers for such legislative submissions. The language in the medical marijuana bill asked the commission to certify the

measure as a binding referendum, which requires more votes to pass than a legislative submission. After much discussion, the election commission certified the legislation as a binding referendum. Referendums are initiated by voters, while legislative submissions are measures referred to voters by the Legislature. Under Guam law, to pass, referendums must get 50 percent plus one of all voters who vote in the general election. A legislative submission would have required only a majority of votes for passage. Independent Commissioner Patrick Civile said he was concerned that lawmakers might not have intended to have the higher vote requirement. "I just want to point out the very big impact this could have on this measure's passage," Civile said. Commission chairman Joseph Mesa said the Legislature knew the voting requirements since the law stated to certify it as a referendum. "It's not our position to second-guess what they want to do," Mesa said. □

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Scientists ask bird oglers to help study puffins

**PATRICK WHITTLE
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Associated Press
EASTERN EGG ROCK, Maine**

(AP) — The Audubon Society wants bird lovers to contribute research to a project scientists hope will help save Atlantic puffins from starvation in Maine. There are about 1,000 pairs of the seabirds, known for their multi-colored beaks and clownish appearance, in Maine. Audubon says the number of puffin fledging chicks has declined in the last two years, possibly because their key food source, herring and hake, are leaving for cooler waters. Puffins are on the state's threatened species list.

Audubon maintains three web cameras on Seal Island, a National Wildlife Refuge in outer Penobscot Bay, one of the key puffin habitats in Maine. Volunteers are being asked to watch the puffins and answer questions about their feeding behavior, said Steve Kress, director of the National Audubon Society's seabird restoration program.

From 2007-2011, Kress said that 77 percent of puffin pairs on Seal Island produced fledglings, or birds that are able to fly. The number declined to 31 percent in 2012 and 10 percent in 2013.

While 2014 "appears to be better," he said, it's too early to tell.

"This is a citizen science project, hoping to advance the science as well as entertain the viewers," Kress said. "There are some questions that can be better answered through lots of people viewing."

Almost all of Maine's puffin



In this photo made Friday, Aug. 1, 2014, an Atlantic puffin is seen on Eastern Egg Rock, a small island off the coast of Maine.

population nests on three islands — Matinicus Rock, Eastern Egg Rock, and Seal Island. Kress and others believe the decline in fledged puffin chicks is tied to rising water temperatures in the Gulf of Maine.

The puffins are left to try to eat butterfish, a species more available as herring and hake — key food species for puffins — seek colder waters, Kress said. Scientists say surface temperatures of the waters in the Gulf of Maine have increased slightly each year since 1982, but the pace increased after 2004.

With fewer herring and hake, puffins have been giving their young butterfish, but those fish are too big for puffin chicks to eat, and many of the birds starve and die. That's what happened to Petey, the puffin chick the 2012 camera focused on.

Two of Audubon's cam-

eras focus on the rocky areas where puffins roost. Another is inside a burrow, providing a close-up view of a fuzzy puffin chick.

Last year's featured puffin

chick, Hope, survived. This year's chick, Pal, hatched around June 25.

Audubon is asking web camera watchers to observe Pal and answer a

survey about what kind of fish his parents feed him, including how many and when. The web cameras have attracted more than 4 million views since 2012, and more than 1,000 people have completed Audubon surveys.

Explore.org, a Los Angeles-based nonprofit group that runs dozens of wildlife web cameras around the world, installed the cameras and is partnering with Audubon. Explore.org founder Charles Annenberg said the project is about "making science fun again."

Kress said the information gathered by puffin watchers will be included in published papers. The goal is to document how much food it takes for puffin chicks to fledge, he said.

Puffins, which spend most of their lives at sea, breed in the spring before returning to the ocean in early August. The chicks go to sea after their parents feed them for about 40 days. □

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U.S. cave explored for now-extinct animals' bones

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CHEYENNE, Wyoming (AP)**

— Paleontologists are completing their first excavation in 30 years inside an unusual U.S. cave thought to hold the remains of tens of thousands of ancient animals that fell to their deaths.

Bones they've found in the Wyoming cave could include those of North American lions, short-faced bears and other now-extinct species from 25,000 years ago.

The cave's only entrance is a hole in the ground that's almost impossible to see until you're next to it. Scientists say over millennia, thousands of unwary animals plummeted 80 feet (24 meters) to their deaths. A metal grate now prevents people and animals from falling in.

"They're very excited about the potential for what they've found,"



This July 2014 image provided by the Bureau of Land Management shows Justin Sipla ascending up a rope 80 feet after working at the bottom of the Natural Trap Cave in north-central Wyoming.

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Brent Breithaupt, who was among the exclusive group of scientists who recently rappelled down to excavate the floor of Natural Trap Cave, said Wednesday.

The bones lie entombed, layer upon layer, in sediment as much as 30 feet

deep. Scientists hope the cave's high humidity and cool temperatures might even preserve genetic material of extinct animals from the days when massive ice sheets last frosted over much of the North American landscape. □



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Singer Miley Cyrus performs in concert during her 'Bangerz Tour' at the Wells Fargo Center on Saturday, August 2, 2014, in Philadelphia.

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Miley both naughty and nice in return to Nashville

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Miley's back, y'all.

Miley Cyrus made her delayed-due-to-illness return to the town where she grew up Thursday night, bringing a flying hot dog, a dwarf dressed as the Liberty Bell, a dozen recognizable hits, a taunt to the girls who beat her up in school and a lot of inappropriate touching. Drawing a crowd of mostly young women — and a hefty number of moms — the show was a little bit pop concert, a little bit late-night pay cable and a little bit great.

In the audience: Two 20-something women with a gift for arts and crafts arrived at Cyrus' homecoming concert with identical bedazzled shirts that read, "R.I.P. Hannah Montana." Look no further than that for the official theme to Cyrus' Bangerz Tour, a pastiche of weird culture that plays a lot like a YouTube channel devoted to absurdist performance art.

The surprising thing, after the former teen television star raised such a lather last year with a highly memorable MTV Video Music Awards appearance, is how tame the show actually is.

It's true that Nashville is a pretty quiet town. And sure, Cyrus does simulate sex acts on stage during a few songs — Abe Lin-

coln has never seemed less presidential — and mentions drug use. But the woman whose twerking and foam finger started a national discussion balanced her naughty images and saucier choreography with messages espousing personal freedom and a few moments of pop perfection.

For the most part, the night — her fifth date since restarting a U.S. tour that was postponed for more than three months after an allergic reaction to antibiotics — was PG-13, filled with images that are unavoidable on the Internet where much of Cyrus' audience spends its time.

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In this Aug. 27, 2013, file photo, director and actor Woody Allen appears at the French premiere of "Blue Jasmine," in Paris.

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'All About That Bass' gives singer a breakthrough

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NEW YORK (AP) — Not everyone was initially "All About That Bass."

Meghan Trainor, the 20-year-old who is having a pop culture moment with the song about body acceptance, said she initially wrote the track and pitched it to other artists, but was turned away.

"Labels were like, 'We love it, but you have to reproduce it. You got to get it more synth-y, pop-y,'" said Trainor, who worked with producer Kevin Kadish on "Bass." "We looked at each other like, 'Man, I thought this was a hit, but I guess not.'"

Things changed when record executive L.A. Reid heard the doo-wop pop song and told Trainor she should be the voice behind it. He signed the budding songwriter to Epic Records after hearing her sing "Bass" while playing the ukulele.

This week, the song jumped 20 spots on the Billboard Hot 100 chart to No. 8. The single has sold 389,719 copies so far in five weeks, and the music video, which has 10 million views and climbing, has become a water cooler topic among young girls and parents.

"Bass" features standout



American singer-songwriter Meghan Trainor, known for the pop single "All About That Bass," poses for a portrait, on Thursday, Aug. 7, 2014 in New York.

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lines like "it's pretty clear, I ain't no size two," "I'm bringing booty back" and "yeah my momma, she told me don't worry about your size." Trainor said Grammy-nominated Kadish, who has worked with Jason Mraz, had the song title but didn't know where to go from there. "And I immediately thought, 'Booty. Bass. Thickness,'" she said.

Trainor, who grew up in Nantucket, Massachusetts, recently moved to Nashville, Tennessee. She was signed to a publishing house in Music City, and wrote songs for Rasca Flatts and others. Now, she's working on an EP and

album to capitalize on the breakthrough that "Bass" has given her.

Trainor said she's ecstatic and humbled that young girls have gravitated to the song. "I tear up and I call my mom like, 'Did you see that? Did you read that one?' because some girls are like, 'I've hated myself. I hated life. I didn't want to go to school. I get bullied. And then I heard your song and I cried,'" she said. "They say they cried because they're happy and they dance around the room. And I was just like, 'What?' It's crazy."

"Bass" has given Trainor a boost as well. □

Woody Allen's handprints on Pawtucket walk of fame

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — Legendary director Woody Allen has added his handprints to the Hollywood Walk of Fame, but not the one in California. It's in Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

Allen was in town Thursday filming a new movie that stars Emma Stone and Joaquin Phoenix.

Local officials say they worked with Allen's crew as he filmed at a newsstand and elsewhere, and the director agreed to add his

handprints to Pawtucket's so-called "Hollywood Walk of Fame."

Allen put his prints and signature into wet cement Thursday afternoon while filming in neighboring Providence. The panel will be installed later.

Pawtucket's walk is outside a city diner and includes handprints from Dustin Hoffman and others from the movie "American Buffalo," which was filmed in the blue-collar mill city in 1995. Local officials are still hop-

ing Phoenix and Stone will add their handprints.

"It's our dream that we complete it with the last two stars," Bob Billington of the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce said Friday. "We respect everybody's privacy, but we're hoping that we'll be graced with that opportunity."

Allen's handprints aren't on the famous Hollywood Walk of Fame in Los Angeles. Neither are Hoffman's, Phoenix's or Stone's. □

Cultural changes in attitude toward TV

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NEW YORK (AP) — Manjula Stokes has twice sworn off television, once throwing a set off her deck in a fit over an ex-husband's sports obsession. Now she's a devotee of programs like "Downton Abbey," "Mad Men," "Survivor" and "Masters of Sex."

The teacher from Santa Cruz, California, illustrates a subtle change in society's attitude toward television. The medium is growing in stature, propelled by both art and technology. More worthy programs are available at a time when viewers are becoming more comfortable setting up their own schedules to watch.

"I feel it's more like reading a good book," Stokes said. "The acting is better, the direction is better. I think it's more serious as an art form."

A CBS survey of 700 people in the U.S. with Internet and television connections last year found that 28 percent said they're watching more television than they did a year ago. Seventeen percent say they're watching less, with the remainder indicating their habits are unchanged.

That may not seem like much, but there's a long history of people saying they are watching, or plan to watch, less TV — even as Nielsen measurements proved the opposite is true. In other words, liking television is becoming more socially acceptable. "You can go to a sophisticated party in New York City now and people will be talking about television programming, not the latest art film or the latest play," said David Poltrack, CBS' veteran chief researcher. "You can go to a bar in a lower socio-economic neighborhood and they'll be talking about television. They may be talking about different programs, but they'll be talking about television."

Now, for every award-winning drama there's a series about botched plastic surgeries, naked



In this image released by PBS, Maggie Smith as the Dowager Countess Grantham, is shown in a scene from the second season on "Downton Abbey."

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dating or Kardashians. More than one, truthfully. But the push among cable networks during the past decade to make their own original series has significantly increased the amount of quality programs.

For years, polls uncovered a certain shameful attitude toward watching

television.

When asked in 2000 how much time they spent watching TV the previous day, 84 percent of respondents told the Pew Research Center it was less than four hours. That didn't jibe with the Nielsen company's finding that the average American that year watched four hours,

15 minutes of television a day.

A Gallup poll in 1990 found 49 percent of people said they spent too much time watching television. Only 19 percent said they watched too little. Nine years ago when CBS began its annual survey, more people said they were cutting back on TV

time.

This year, Nielsen estimates the average American watches four hours, 50 minutes of TV a day.

"I think the quality is better," said Yael Chanoff, a 25-year-old writer from San Francisco. She's a fan of smart comedies like NBC's "Parks & Recreation." Many older shows Chanoff has seen, even hits like "Friends," strike her as cliché-ridden.

Some better shows now have an attention to detail that reminds Stokes, who is 59, of work done by the MGM movie studio during the last century.

Cory Phare, a 33-year-old academic conference director from Denver, said he grew up watching a lot of television but drifted away. The ability to binge on well-written dramas like "Breaking Bad," "The Americans" and "Dexter" through Netflix drew him back in. He just finished going back to watch the entire run of "The West Wing."

"Even when I'm on a lunch break, I pull it up on my smartphone," he said.

That's another key to

Art from Watterson's comics return up for auction



This image provided by Heritage Auctions shows one of three works "Calvin and Hobbes" creator Bill Watterson's collaborated with "Pearls Before Swine" cartoonist Stephan Pastis for a three-day return to comics, dated June 5, 2014.

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DALLAS (AP) — Artwork from "Calvin and Hobbes" creator Bill Watterson's three-day return to comics will be auctioned to benefit Parkinson's disease research.

Watterson collaborated with "Pearls Before Swine"

cartoonist Stephan Pastis for the three comic strips in June after a long absence from the funny pages. The strips will be sold Friday by Dallas-based Heritage Auctions, with each expected to sell for more than \$10,000.

Heritage says the three-strip arc follows Pastis' alter-ego as he turns the drawing of the comic over to a second-grader.

At Watterson's request, the artwork is being sold on behalf of Team Cul de Sac, a charity established

in honor of cartoonist Richard Thompson, who has Parkinson's. The proceeds will go to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research.

"Calvin and Hobbes" ended in 1995. □

Plato and the Promise of College



Frank Bruni

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Kimberly Lantigua, 17, is an avid reader, but of a somewhat unusual oeuvre. Not long ago she worked her way through novels that spawned movies starring Meryl Streep, one of her favorite actresses. "The Devil Wears Prada" was a breeze. "Sophie's Choice" is Kimberly's unsummitted Everest.

But for three weeks in July, she kept to a literary diet that focused on Plato, Aristotle, Thomas Hobbes and John Locke as she sat for several hours daily in a seminar at Columbia University titled "Freedom and Citizenship in Ancient, Modern and Contemporary Thought."

On the morning when I dropped by, she and 14 other high school students between their junior and senior years were listening to their professor, Roosevelt Montás, discuss Jean-Jacques Rousseau's treatise on "the social contract" and the balance of rights between an individual and a community.

Although the summer sun was shining like a cruel taunt outside the windows, the kids paid close attention, nodding and chiming in. There was no stealthy texting on smartphones. No fidgeting that I could see. At a time when a lot of the talk about diminished social mobility in America is just that - talk, lip service, a wringing of hands rather than a springing into action - this seminar represents a bold exception, worthy of applause and emulation.

Most of the teenagers in the classroom with Kimberly - and most of another 15 in a separate section of the seminar - are minorities who were referred from the Double Discovery Center, a program in Upper Manhattan that couples undergraduate mentors from Columbia with New York City kids who hope to become the first in their families with college degrees.

This was the seminar's sixth consecutive summer and the first in which the number of students rose to 30 from 15. The course intends to get them ready for higher education, and that isn't unusual in and of itself. Many summer enrichment programs attempt as much.

But the distinction of this one and the reason it should be replicated is that it doesn't focus on narrow disciplines, discrete skills, standardized tests. It doesn't reduce learning to metrics or cast college as a bridge to a prede-

termined career.

It assumes that these kids, like any others, are hungry for big ideas. And it wagers that tugging them into sophisticated discussions will give them a fluency and confidence that could be the difference between merely getting to college and navigating it successfully, all the way to completion, which for poor kids is often the trickiest part of all.

Montás also wants for these kids what he wants for every college student (and what all of us should want for them as well). If the seminar is successful, he told me, they wind up seeing their place on a continuum that began millenniums ago, and they understand "their fundamental stake in our political debate."

"They read the news differently," he said. "They see themselves as political agents, able to participate."

So as he toggled over the span of the seminar from the French Revolution to Obamacare, he wasn't just connecting dots for them. He was rooting them in our noble, troubled democracy, and trying to turn them into enlightened caretakers of it.

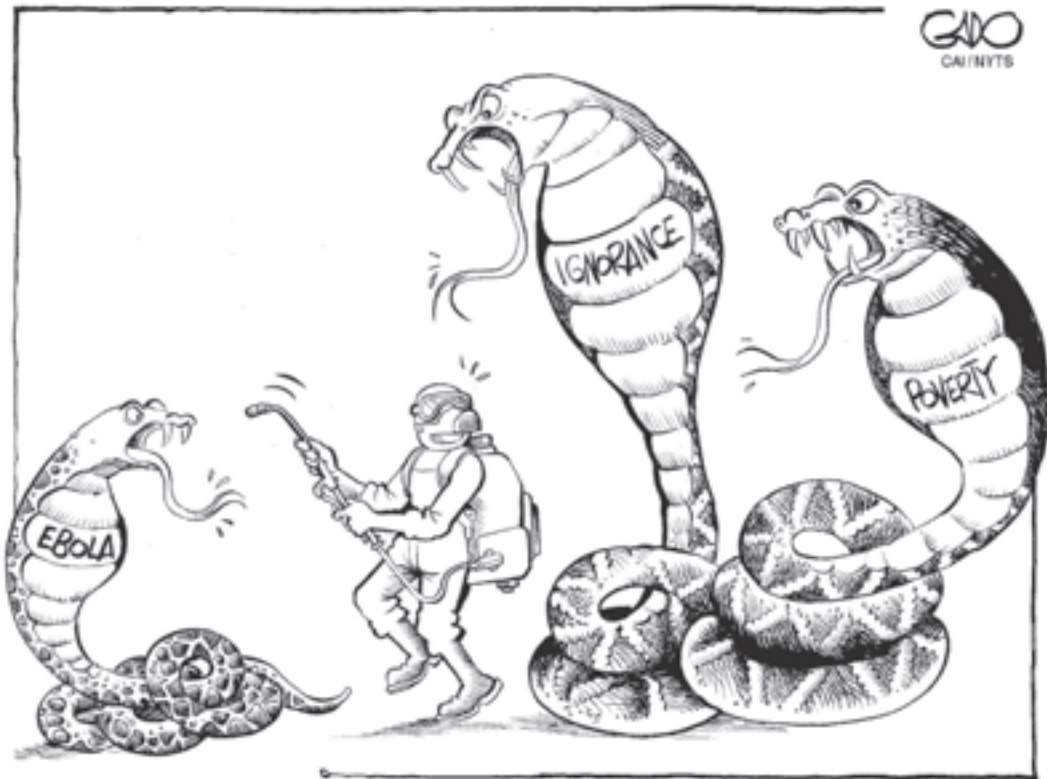
For the course's duration, thanks to funding from the Teagle Foundation and the Jack Miller Center, the kids live and eat free at Columbia. For Kimberly, who typically shares a two-bedroom apartment with her mother and five siblings, that was part of the lure. Another student, Mystere Sylla, 17, told me that her time on campus was a reprieve from stints in foster care.

For every five kids in the seminar, there's one teaching assistant, a Columbia undergraduate who will maintain contact with them during the next year and guide them through the college-application process. What a great model: Current college students who are blessed enough to be in the Ivy League extend a hand to would-be college students whose paths haven't been easy. The kids who completed Montás' seminar in the summer of 2013 are bound this fall for a range of schools including Syracuse, Brandeis and, in three cases, Columbia itself.

Montás is the director of Columbia's celebrated Core Curriculum, which requires freshmen and sophomores to dive into the Western canon. His summer seminar asks kids like Kimberly, who attends high school at the Manhattan Center for Science and Mathematics, to splash around in it. She was intimidated only briefly by the texts. "Once Professor Montás walks you through them, they're approachable," she told me.

The proof was in her participation. I heard her pipe up repeatedly: about the meaning of liberty, about necessary checks on what she called our "innate thirst for total power." Her voice was clear and strong.

I bet she wrestles Sophie to the ground soon enough. And I think that college could carry her far. □



Fighting Ebola for Us All



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On July 23, Dr. Kent Brantly woke up with a fever. He immediately quarantined himself, and three days later a test confirmed his nightmare. He had the Ebola virus.

Brantly, 33, emailed a friend and said that he was "terrified," for he knew better than anyone the horror of the virus. He had been treating patients in West Africa with it for many weeks, watching as they vomited, hemorrhaged internally and sometimes bled from multiple orifices - then weakened and died.

Some people have blamed Brantly and another American missionary infected, Nancy Writebol, for bringing the danger to themselves, even objecting to their return to Atlanta to be treated for the disease at Emory University Hospital. For example, Donald Trump argued that Brantly and Writebol should not be brought back to the United States because of the risks involved.

"People that go to far away places to help out are great - but must suffer the consequences!" Trump tweeted.

On the contrary, this Ebola outbreak underscores why we have not only a humanitarian interest in addressing global health, but also a national interest in doing so. Brantly and Writebol are moral leaders in this effort and underscore the

practical imperative of tackling global contagions early on. They deserve our gratitude and admiration because in Liberia they were protecting us as well as Liberians.

The human mind is very sensitive to threats from the likes of al-Qaida. We are less attuned to public health threats, even those that claim more lives: Some 15,000 people with AIDS still die in the United States every year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. It's better to address a contagious disease at its source rather than allow it to spread.

"If we don't fight to contain it there, we're going to fight to contain it somewhere else," notes Ken Isaacs of Samaritan's Purse, the Christian aid group for which Brantly works.

The World Bank has pledged \$200 million to try to control the Ebola outbreak, but a tiny fraction of that sum might have contained it early on.

Dr. Thomas Frieden, the director of the CDC, cites a U.S.-backed program in Uganda to train health workers to diagnose and contain Ebola. It worked. In 2011, a 12-year-old girl there caught the Ebola virus and died from it - but no one else was infected. It was an exceptionally rare Ebola episode that stopped after just a single case.

A similar program in West Africa might likewise have limited the human and financial cost of this outbreak, Frieden noted, adding: "An outbreak anywhere is a risk everywhere."

This isn't true only of the Ebola virus. Frieden recalls caring in New York for a patient from India with extensively drug-resistant tuberculosis, a complex case that cost \$100,000 to cure. Later, a program was set up in the patient's native village that could have resolved the case early for \$10.

New York hospitals have been on alert for Ebola, but diagnosis and segregation are complicated. I

know because I was once such a suspected case.

Years ago, when I lived in Japan, I returned to Tokyo from Congo at the time of an Ebola outbreak there. One night a week later, I came down with a high fever. It felt like malaria, so I made inquiries about what hospital in Tokyo could best treat malaria the next day. The health authorities heard "Congo" and "fever" and sent an ambulance staffed with people in what looked like spacesuits to rush me to a hospital. My neighbors were taken aback by the scene.

But, at the hospital, the emergency room night doctor knew nothing about tropical diseases. He poked me a bit, shrugged and told me to go home. (The next day, I confirmed that it was malaria.)

So don't see Brantly and Writebol as reckless curiosities who somehow brought Ebola upon themselves. See them as leaders on the front line of an effort to help and protect Americans and Africans alike. We sometimes forget that health workers can brave significant risks - of infection with HIV, with tuberculosis, or even with the Ebola virus. Indeed, the staff treating Brantly and Writebol in Atlanta volunteered for that duty, and some offered to cancel vacation plans to help. Bravo to them, and to so many health workers in Africa and America who try to halt the spread of disease - because it's where humanitarian interests and national interests coincide.

"It's natural to feel sorry for Kent" Brantly, a former medical school professor of his, Richard Gundersen, wrote in *The Indianapolis Star*. "But I wonder if Kent wouldn't turn this around. Instead, he might feel sorry for some of us, at least those of us shaking our heads in dismay at anyone who would travel halfway across the world to do what he did. A ship may be safest in harbor, but that is not what ships are for." □

Nixon's back! (At least on Twitter)

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NEW YORK (AP) — If you believe the media reports, Richard Nixon suffered a stroke in 1994 and died days later at age 81. He is buried in his native Yorba Linda, California, silent as the country marks the 40th anniversary of his resignation.

But the many obsessives among the 7,000-plus followers of @Dick_Nixon couldn't be blamed for sharing the president's suspicion of reporters. The "Nixon" on this Twitter feed has never been more alive, sounding off on everything from the Russians to the Academy Awards, lashing out at old enemies and sizing up such possible presidential contenders as Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida.

"He is a smart fellow. But he should stop swinging at pitches he can't hit yet," reads a recent tweet.

The @Dick_Nixon feed is neither tribute nor parody but an uncanny reincarnation that has some Washington insiders and political junkies marveling that someone could so well capture the phrasing, savvy, tenacity, profanity and world view of our 37th president. "He has his voice and his mentality down cold. And he also makes me laugh," says Elizabeth Drew, an author and journalist whose Watergate-era book, "Washington Journal," was reissued in May.

"I never got to meet Nixon, so this is the next best thing for me," says author and journalist Robert Draper, who has written books about Congress and the George W. Bush administration and is the grandson of Watergate prosecutor Leon Jaworski. Admirers have speculated that the account manager is a politician, a journalist or even a member of the Nixon family. But Twitter "Nixon" is, apparently, 33-year-old playwright and New York resident Justin Sherin, born years after the president left office. Drew has met him



This Jan. 21, 1969 file photo shows President Richard Nixon at his desk at the White House in Washington. Nixon suffered a stroke in 1994 and died days later at age 81. Saturday, Aug. 9, 2014, marks the 40th anniversary of his resignation.

and befriended him. John Weaver, a Republican strategist who worked on the 2000 and 2008 presidential campaigns of Sen. John McCain, said that he had spoken with Sherin. Both Drew and Weaver are among his followers. During a recent interview at a bar in Grand Central Station, Sherin said that he had long been fascinated by Nixon and his "weird" and "convoluted" way of expressing himself. In 2008, he began tweeting excerpts from Nixon's taped White House conversations. Around four years later, he decided to bring the former president into the 21st century, combining historical and original material.

"I try very hard either to use something that he did say in a similar context or that I could argue he would have said when faced with such a situation," says the clean-cut, round-eyed Sherin, whose plays include "Mickey Mouse Is Dead," a 2006 off-Broadway production about McCarthy-era blacklisting at the Walt Disney studios.

The former president and his wife, Pat (also dead, or so we've been told), reside on Twitter, as they did on Earth, in Saddle River,

New Jersey. The president makes occasional trips to Washington and vacations in Key Biscayne, Florida. Some messages are initialed by former White House press secretary Ron Ziegler, who supposedly joined the afterlife in 2003. Nixon on Twitter is impressed with Hillary Clinton ("She is cold, cold, tough as hell. That is the good side") and dismayed by President Barack Obama. ("The current president strikes me as a fellow who is reading from a book written by a lot of Ivy Leaguers who've never been to Moscow"). He is grateful for his supporters, seething that he doesn't have a deal for his latest book, "Realism," and mindful of his eternal rivals, the Kennedys "Teddy had the best political skills out of any of them. Jack would rather be in the pool, Bobby burned witches," he tweeted. On the Nixon feed, you get the calculating Nixon ("The ecology thing is crap for clowns. But there's votes in it"). You get Nixon on gays ("Our granddaughter is an actress. So many people in that line are gay. We go to the plays, shake their hands. They seem happy"), and Nixon on American cities ("Have

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you been to Tampa? My God. Nothing but Cubans and houses of prostitution)."

"He seems to know everything there is about Nixon," Weaver says of Sherin. "He also has the



In this Aug. 9, 1974 file photo, Richard Nixon waves goodbye with a salute to his staff members outside the White House as he boards a helicopter and resigns the presidency on Aug. 9, 1974. He was the first president in American history to resign the nation's highest office.

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president's keen political analytical skills, and he has that streak within Nixon that undid the president." The newest Nixon is understandably preoccupied with the current anniversary. (Nixon resigned on Aug. 9, 1974.) He has blunt words for his former aide and whistleblower, John Dean ("He knows how to lie. Why do you think we judged him effective?") and for the newspaper that broke the Watergate scandal, The Washington Post — now owned by Amazon.com founder Jeff Bezos — and star reporter Bob Woodward.

"Woodward still gets a check from the Post, you know," Nixon observed. "I was not aware that Bezos enjoys paying fellows who don't work." Call him names, if you will. The president only gets angry with those he respects. Just don't call him finished. "All these bastards saying how young they are," he tweeted last month. "We're still here, by God. We'll outlive you all." □